

## **RISA HOKAMURA, violinist**

Risa Hokamura began the violin at the age of three, and at the age of ten she began to capture top prizes in competitions in Japan. She first came to international attention upon winning the Silver Medal at the 2018 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, where she performed the Tchaikovsky Concerto with the Indianapolis Symphony conducted by Leonard Slatkin. In celebration of her medal, she returned to Indianapolis to perform a special “Gold, Silver and Bronze Medalists Debut” concert.

Risa won First Prize in the 2018 Young Concert Artists International Auditions at the age of seventeen, as well as the Tannery Pond Concerts Prize, the Ruth Laredo Award, and the Ronald Asherson Award of YCA. She follows in the distinguished footsteps of her two major violin teachers, who also began their careers with Young Concert Artists: Koichiro Harada (founding first violinist of the Tokyo String Quartet) and Mayuko Kamio.

This season, Risa will perform in recital at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York, as part of the “Encores” series, presented in collaboration by Young Concert Artists and The Morgan Library & Museum. She has previously performed as a soloist with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Muncie Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the East Coast Chamber Orchestra and the Kanagawa Philharmonic Orchestra.

A native of Japan, Risa studied at the Artist Diploma program of the Tokyo College of Music as the Honorary Scholarship student under the tutelage of Koichiro Harada, Mayuko Kamio and Machie Oguri. She begins her studies this year at the Manhattan School of Music as the Full Scholarship student under the tutelage of Koichiro Harada and Lucie Robert. She is also a recipient of the scholarships from the Ezoie Memorial Foundation and the Rohm Music Foundation.

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