

# Leland Chen - violin

## Biography

Since winning first prize in the Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition Leland Chen has continually distinguished himself as an exciting presence in the musical world. Audiences everywhere are unanimous in praising his technical mastery of the violin and musical depth. In his book *Great masters of the Violin* Boris Schwartz wrote: "What made his performance so impressive was his musical versatility: he seemed to master every style from Bach to Bartok and at the end dazzled the listeners with Vieuxtemps' Fifth Concerto. Chen's technique is impeccable, his tone warm and sensuous his musicianship serious and probing. Chen is a major talent destined for an international career."

Following his competition success Leland Chen made his London debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Barbican and since that time has appeared on many occasions as soloist with the Philharmonia, London Philharmonic and London Symphony Orchestras and toured North America with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. He has toured Poland with the Polish Chamber Orchestra and Germany with the Warsaw Sinfonia and has also performed in Europe with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe and Netherlands Philharmonic.

Born in Taiwan, he travelled to the UK to study at the Menuhin School with Robert Masters and Lord Menuhin at the age of 12. After leaving the Menuhin School he then continued his studies at the Menuhin Academy in Gstaad, Switzerland. Following the enormous success of his New York debut he gave a recital tour of over sixty cities in the USA. He has appeared at many European festivals including Gstaad and Schleswig-Holstein.

TV and Radio appearances include performances broadcast live on Radio 3 and Radio 2, a performance of Vivaldi's Four Seasons telecast throughout North America by CBS and his contribution to a gala concert in Monte Carlo broadcast throughout Europe by Eurovision.

Leland Chen has four recordings available: the Franck & Strauss Sonatas, Favourite Violin Music and Elgar & Bruch Concertos with the Arnhem Philharmonic/Lord Menuhin and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the Royal Philharmonic/Jane Glover.