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VIOLINIST BENJAMIN BEILMAN RECEIVES 2012-2015 LONDON MUSIC MASTERS AWARD



Benjamin Beilman

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March 29, 2012 – Young Concert Artists is proud to announce that 22-year-old **violinist Benjamin Beilman** is the 2012-15 recipient of the London Music Masters (LMM) second international violin award. The LMM Awards are given every three years to outstanding violinists from across the globe, ages 16-25. The two other recipients are Hyeyoon Park (South Korea) and Alexandra Soumm (Russia).

As an award recipient, Mr. Beilman will make his Wigmore Hall recital debut on October 20, 2012. The winners each receive an individualized award package tailored to their career needs. These benefits include £10,000 towards Mr. Beilman's musical career; an appearance as soloist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra; the opportunity to premiere new works

commissioned by London Music Masters; and performances at the Bowdoin Music Festival in Maine.

The award also focuses on educational outreach through LMM's initiative, the Bridge Project, where Mr. Beilman will be a role model to inspire and mentor children between the ages of 4 and 8.

Winner of the 2010 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, Benjamin Beilman made his New York and Kennedy Center debuts in the YCA Series this season. He won First Prize at the 2010 Montreal International Musical Competition. Mr. Beilman works with Ida Kavafian (*YCA Alumna*) and Pamela Frank at the Curtis Institute of Music.

Young Concert Artists, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 1961, is dedicated to launching the careers of exceptional musicians. Among the now-renowned artists who made their debuts in this series are violinists Anne Akiko Meyers, Pinchas Zukerman and Tim Fain; pianists Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Emanuel Ax and Jeremy Denk; and the Tokyo and St. Lawrence String Quartets.

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