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VIOLINIST BENJAMIN BEILMAN RECEIVES 2012 AVERY FISHER CAREER GRANT



Benjamin Beilman

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May 22, 2012 – Violinist Benjamin Beilman has just been awarded an Avery Fisher Career Grant. The grant of \$25,000 gives professional assistance and recognition to outstanding instrumentalists selected for their great potential for major solo careers. Artists do not apply directly for these awards and have no idea they are even under consideration. Nominations for this prestigious award are made by conductors, instrumentalists, music educators, composers, managers, and presenters. The Avery Fisher Career Grants began in 1976, and have been received by many renowned artists, including YCA Alumni Carter Brey, Anne-Marie McDermott, Ida Kavafian, Jeremy Denk, and, most recently violinist Caroline Goulding and pianist Chu-Fang Huang.

Mr. Beilman has been gaining international attention with his impressive list of honors and awards. He is a recipient of a 2012-15 London Music Masters Award; a new member of Lincoln Center's CMS Two through 2015; First Prize Winner of the 2010 Montreal International Musical Competition, which led to the release of his debut CD on *Analekta*; the Bronze medalist at the 2010 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis; First Prize winner of the 2009 Corpus Christi International Competition in Texas; and a winner of the 2009 Astral Artists' National Auditions and the Milka/Astral Violin Prize.

As First Prize Winner of the 2010 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, Benjamin Beilman made his New York and Kennedy Center critically-acclaimed debuts in the YCA Series this season and is the recipient of the Helen Armstrong Violin Fellowship of YCA. Mr. Beilman received his Bachelor of Music this spring at the Curtis Institute of Music working with Ida Kavafian (YCA Alumna).

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 Richard Goode; and the Tokyo and St. Lawrence String Quartets.

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