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THREE YCA ARTISTS TRIUMPH AT TCHAIKOVSKY COMPETITION



July 5, 2007 – Three YCA Artists were top prizewinners at the 13th International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. 21-year-old Japanese violinist **Mayuko Kamio** was awarded the Gold Medal (which includes a \$40,000 cash prize), resulting in an invitation from conductor Vladimir Spivakov to perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the Russian National Orchestra. Winner of the 2000 Young Concert Artists International Auditions when she was only 13, the Young Concert Artists Series will present her Carnegie Hall recital debut on March 3, 2008 at Zankel Hall in New York. Her upcoming orchestral engagements include appearances with the Bayerischer Staatsoper under the baton of Zubin Mehta, as well as with the NHK Symphony and the Tokyo Symphony. In 2004, Ms. Kamio won both the first Monte Carlo Violin Masters Competition and the International David Oistrakh Violin Competition in the Ukraine. She made her concerto debut in Tokyo at the age of ten under the baton of Charles Dutoit, in a concert broadcast on NHK television. Since then, she has appeared as soloist on 2001's opening night with the Boston Pops conducted by Keith Lockhart, with the Tonhalle Orchestra in Zurich and Mstislav Rostropovich, and the Israel Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta, among others. She was presented in recital by Lincoln Center's Great Performers Series in January 2005.

23-year-old Russian cellist **Alexandre Bouzlov** won the Silver Medal (which includes a \$30,000 cash prize), the MICEX Prize for the best performance of a Tchaikovsky work, and the Vishnevskaya and Rostropovich Foundation Prize. Mr. Bouzlov was a winner of the 2001 Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York and the 2000 Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Leipzig, Germany. His other awards include First Prize and the Audience Prize at the 35th "Jeunesse Musicale" International Cello Competition in Belgrade in 2005, as well as Second Prize in the 54th International Competition of the ARD in 2005. As winner of the 2004 Guzik Foundation Career Grant, Mr. Bouzlov toured the U.S. as soloist with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra conducted by Constantine Orbelian in February 2005, a tour which included his Carnegie Hall debut. In July 2007 Mr. Bouzlov appears as soloist with the Utah Symphony conducted by Keith Lockhart in Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major.



25-year-old German pianist **Benjamin Moser** was awarded Fifth Prize, the Toyota Audience Award and the MICEX Prize for the best performance of a Tchaikovsky work. (No Gold Medal was awarded in the piano division). His performances at the competition led to an invitation from conductor Mark Gorenstein to perform with the State Academic Symphony Orchestra of the Russian Federation during the 2008-2009 season. Winner of the 2007 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, as well as the 2006 Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Leipzig, Germany, Mr. Moser will be presented by the Young Concert Artists Series in debut recitals at Carnegie's Zankel Hall in New York on March 25, 2008 and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on April 8, 2008. His other awards include First Prize in the 2004 Arthur Schnabel Piano Competition in Berlin.

Young Concert Artists, Inc. is a non-profit organization which presents the winners of its annual Auditions in debuts in New York, Boston, and Washington, DC and provides ongoing management services to launch the careers of exceptional young musicians. For more information about Mayuko Kamio, Alexandre Bouzlov, Benjamin Moser and Young Concert Artists, please visit <http://www.yca.org>.

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