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RISA HOKAMURA, violinist

Japanese violinist Risa Hokamura 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.

Ms. 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 when she won 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 will return to Indianapolis in March to perform a special “Gold, Silver and Bronze Medalists Debut” concert.

Risa Hokamura is currently a student at the Tokyo College of Music High School, and will be featured on a benefit concert this season for the school at Tokyo’s Metropolitan Hall. Other upcoming performances in Japan include an appearance as soloist with the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra.