

## HYEIN KIM



Hyein Kim was born in 1999 in Seoul, South Korea and moved to Christchurch in 2007. Hyein started his musical adventure at the age of 6 with lessons on the piano. At 8 he switched to studying the cello and he was given a scholarship to study at the Pettman Junior Academy with Edith Salzmänn for 8 years. He has since moved to Hamilton in 2016 where he continued his studies with James Tennant and has been accepted into the Soloist Stream Specialization programme at the University of Waikato for 2017.

Hyein has had many successes in competitions including being the youngest semi-finalist of the National Concerto Competition at the age of 11. At 13 he was awarded first prize at the International Padova Competition in Italy and performed Saint-Saens Cello Concerto with the Padova Symphony Orchestra as a finalist. These

results lead Hyein to be invited back, and performing numerous concerts around Italy.

In 2017, Hyein had a very successful year, winning the New Zealand Secondary Chamber Music Competition with the Yerevan Trio from Hillcrest High School. He was awarded the Most Promising Cellist prize at the inaugural Wallace International Cello competition, he won second prize in the 50th National Concerto Competition and received a wonderful opportunity to play with the NZSO. After that, he was awarded second prize in PACANZ in 2018 and in 2020, he has been awarded first prize in the Gisborne International Music Competition.

*"I chose to learn this Concerto because Prokofiev's music speaks strongly to me especially with this piece and I was drawn to it after I heard it the first time. Since learning this, I have dreamed of playing it with an orchestra and being able to do this in the National Concerto Competition, it's a dream come true for me."*