

Named one of 2022 Classic FM's "Rising Stars", Chinese Violist Yue Yu's career has reached the world's most prestigious venues including Birmingham Symphony Hall, Wigmore Hall, and the Vienna Konzerthaus. Her reputation as a vibrant soloist has led her to win First Prize at both the 2021 Paul Hindemith Viola Concorso and 2019 Stockport International Young Musicians Competition, as well as a finalist prize at the 2017 Cecil Aronowitz Viola Competition -- where she was gifted a £5000 silver-mounted Guillaume bow. Her debut album released on the Naxos Label in 2022 has garnered international praise and features works by Britten, Imogen Holst, and Bowen.

As a passionate chamber musician, she has performed with notable artists such as Steven Isserlis, Steven Doane, Pavel Gililov, Timothy Ridout, and has worked in masterclass with Nobuko Imai, Lars Anders Tomter, Hariolf Schlichtig, and Lawrence Power. Yu has also participated in renowned festivals including Prussia Cove (UK), Wye Valley Chamber Music (UK), and Schiermonnikoog (NL). She frequently tours with the Salzburg Camerata and Ensemble Esperanza, and as of November 2023, was selected as an Academist with the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin.

Ms. Yu holds degrees from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and the Universität Mozarteum Salzburg. Her previous teachers include Dr. Louise Lansdown and Professor Thomas Riebl. She currently resides in Berlin and enjoys taking the S-Bahn and going for long walks in shopping malls.

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