

Yi-Jia Susanne Hou

Violinist

"She's absolutely phenomenal..."

Yehudi Menuhin



Born to a musical family, Canadian violinist Yi-Jia Susanne Hou rose to fame on the international concert scene when she unanimously won three prestigious international violin competitions in France, Italy, and Spain (Long-Thibaud, Lipizer, Sarasate) representing both Canada and China.

Since then, Susanne Hou has performed as soloist with major orchestras including London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic, Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio-France, SWR Stuttgart, WDR Cologne as well as Toronto Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, National Arts Centre Orchestra, Singapore Symphony, Tokyo Philharmonic and NHK. She has collaborated with such renowned musicians as Mstislav Rostropovich, Pinchas Zukerman, Alan Gilbert, JoAnn Faletta, Andreas Delfs, Marek Janowski, Alexander Shelley, Krzysztof Urbanski, Hana-Chang and Gemma New among others.

In 2013 Susanne Hou recorded the Beethoven Violin Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra playing an outstanding 1735 ex-Fritz Kreisler Mary Portman Guarneri Del Gesu Violin as a tribute to its unique history. In 2016 she performed and recorded the Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor John Nelson at London's Cadogan Hall, a work she toured with in China and Taiwan.

Her recent and future engagements include German tour with Sinfonietta Cracovia, a return to Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, an extensive recital and concert tour to South Africa working with Cape, Johannesburg and Kwazulu Natal Philharmonic Orchestras as well as duo recitals at Flaneries Musicales de Reims and the Colorado State University, concerts with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Brott Music Festival, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in Canada, Presidential Symphony Orchestra in Ankara, Danish Philharmonic Orchestra as well as Stockton Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Camerata Chamber Orchestra in the US.

Earlier this year Susanne Hou embarked on a live recording project of Paganini's 24 Caprices for Solo Violin performed in one take without intermission or edits for future release. The project was made possible with the kind support of The Canada Council for the Arts.

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