

Jennifer Pike

Violin



“Pike delves into the substance of the music to project its distinctive traits of emotional expression”

The Telegraph

Renowned for her unique artistry and compelling insight into music from the Baroque to the present day, **Jennifer Pike** has established herself as one of today's most exciting instrumentalists.

Jennifer Pike first gained international recognition in 2002, when aged 12, she became the youngest-ever winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year and the youngest major prizewinner in the Menuhin International Violin Competition. Aged 15 she made acclaimed debuts at the BBC Proms and Wigmore Hall, and her many subsequent Proms appearances include being a 'featured artist' in 2009. She was invited to become a BBC New Generation Artist (2008-10), won the inaugural International London Music Masters Award and became the only classical artist ever to win the South Bank Show/Times Breakthrough Award.

Performing extensively as soloist with major orchestras worldwide, Jennifer's highlights include concertos with all BBC orchestras, Philharmonia, London Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Hallé, Brussels Philharmonic, Dresden Philharmonic, Zurich Chamber, Strasbourg Philharmonic, Oslo Philharmonic, Tampere Philharmonic, Malmö Symphony, Royal Stockholm Philharmonic, Prague Symphony, Czech National Symphony, Auckland Philharmonia, Singapore Symphony, Tokyo Symphony and Nagoya Philharmonic Orchestras. She has appeared as a guest director with the BBC Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata. She made her Carnegie Hall debut playing Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending* with the Chamber Orchestra of New York, recorded for Naxos.

Eminent conductors with whom she has worked include Jirí Belohlávek, Martyn Brabbins, Sir Mark Elder, James Gaffigan, Richard Hickox, Christopher Hogwood, Andris Nelsons, Sir Roger Norrington, Michael Sanderling, Jukka Pekka Saraste, Leif Segerstam, Tugan Sokhiev, John Storgårds and Mark Wigglesworth.

As a recitalist and chamber musician, Jennifer Pike has collaborated with artists including Anne-Sophie Mutter, Nikolaj Znaider, Adrian Brendel, Nicolas Altstaedt, Maxim Rysanov, Ben Johnson, Igor Levit, Martin Roscoe, Tom Poster, Ayaan and Amaan Ali Bangash, and Mahan Esfahani. In 2016 her series of recitals at LSO St Luke's were broadcast on BBC Radio 3. She appears regularly at the Wigmore Hall and in 2017 curated and performed three recitals in one-day celebrating Polish music, including specially commissioned work. A disc of Polish violin works followed in January 2019 on Chandos, which was richly rewarded by the critics.

An enthusiastic promoter of new music, she has had many works written for her, including Hafliði Hallgrímsson's *Violin Concerto*, which she premiered with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Iceland Symphony Orchestra,

Charlotte Bray's *Scenes from Wonderland* with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall and Andrew Schultz's *Violin Concerto* and *Sonatina* for solo violin.

Her prolific and widely-acclaimed discography on Chandos, Sony and ABC Classics includes Mendelssohn *Violin Concerto* with Edward Gardner and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Sibelius *Violin Concerto* with the Bergen Philharmonic and Sir Andrew Davis, Miklós Rózsa *Violin Concerto* with the BBC Philharmonic and Rumon Gamba, Bach with Sinfonietta Cracovia and Schultz with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, and a choral arrangement of *The Lark Ascending* for Chandos with the Swedish Chamber Choir.

Recent invitations include her debut with the St Louis Symphony and returns to the BBC Philharmonic, St Petersburg Symphony, and Rheinische Philharmonie. Her latest disc for Chandos, of Elgar and Vaughan Williams violin sonatas, was described as “an irresistible release” and received five-star reviews from major publications.

In the 20-21 season, she performs concertos by Mozart, Elgar, Bruch and Tchaikovsky with major orchestras, and gives recitals across the UK. She returns to Wigmore Hall as part of their new Autumn Series with Martin Roscoe and reunites with sarod players Ayaan and Amaan Ali Bangash.

She was invited to become an ambassador for the Prince's Trust and Foundation for Children and the Arts, and is patron of the Lord Mayor's City Music Foundation. In October 2020, she was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to classical music.

Jennifer Pike plays a 1708 violin by Matteo Goffriller.

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