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Meadowmount School of Music Awards Fourth Annual Gurrena Fellowship to Violinist Hiu Sing Fan



Westport, NY – Meadowmount School of Music, an internationally recognized and beloved summer destination for young string players, has awarded the fourth annual Gurrena Fellowship, worth \$50,000, to Hong Kong violinist **Hiu Sing Fan**.

Hiu Sing was most recently a semi-finalist in the 2025 Paganini Violin Competition and is the Second Prize and Audience Choice Award winner at the 2025 Dallas International Violin Competition, as well as a recent prize winner at the Banff International String Quartet Competition. Currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Northwestern University

under Gerardo Ribeiro, he holds degrees from The Juilliard School and the Hochschule für Musik und Theater München in Germany.

"We are delighted to award the 2026 Gurrena Fellowship to violinist Hiu Sing Fan," said **Janet Sung**, Artist Director of Meadowmount School of Music. "Hiu Sing's playing is not only technically brilliant, but also elegant and thoughtfully compelling and it's exciting to see him already establishing his mark on the international stage. All of our recipients have been able to benefit from the unique opportunities of the Gurrena Fellowship, providing them performing experiences and crucial support that are tailored to their individual needs and artistic aspirations. As our fourth awardee, we look forward to working with Hiu Sing as he embarks on this next phase of his musical career."

"I first heard about Meadowmount from my former teachers and friends, and over the past two summers I've been so glad to immerse myself in a place of such rich traditions, where the likes of Itzhak Perlman, Michael Rabin, and so many other great violinists once honed their craft," said Gurrena recipient, **Hiu Sing Fan**. "As a curious historian of the violin world, I've found Meadowmount to be very uniquely inspiring. While many may think of it as a place for young students to practice and grow, my time there has allowed me to discover potential within myself that I didn't know was possible even at this later stage of my studies. The inspirations I've received each summer have continued to shape my artistry throughout the year and have helped me reach new heights in my playing. To receive the Gurrena Fellowship is both a wonderful surprise and a tremendous honor."

The Gurrena Fellowship was created in 2022 in memory of David A. Barnebl, an educated, passionate music lover, by his wife, Linda Gurrena Barnebl, of Shelburne, VT. The purpose of the Fellowship is to support and encourage exceptionally talented students to become abundantly successful in their professional journey.

"Hiu Sing Fan is an exceptional and dedicated musician whose poise and presence on stage distinguish his performances," said **Genevieve Twomey**, Executive Director of the Meadowmount School of Music. "We are grateful to Linda Gurrena Barnebl for her vision and generosity in supporting outstanding young artists."

About Hiu Sing Fan

Hong Kong violinist Hiu Sing Fan is the Second Prize and Audience Choice Award winner at the 2025 Dallas International Violin Competition, a recent prizewinner at the Banff International String Quartet Competition, and is ranked among the top six at both the 2025 Premio Paganini International Violin Competition in Italy and the 2024 George Enescu International Violin Competition in Romania.

As a soloist, Fan has performed with Camerata Salzburg, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, and the Dallas Chamber Symphony Orchestra, and has served as Guest Concertmaster of the Cologne Chamber Orchestra in Germany.

He has participated and performed in festivals including the Verbier Festival, Marvão Music Academy, Verão Clássico, as well as the Meadowmount School of Music, and the Great

Mountains Music Festival and School. He has worked with notable artists including Leonidas Kavakos, Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider, Ferenc Rados, Aaron Rosand, Quatuor Ébène, and the Emerson String Quartet, and has performed under conductors including Christoph Poppen, Peter Bay, and Wing-Sie Yip.

Fan received the Cordelia Lee Beattie Foundation Scholarship and the Betty & Daniel Bloomfield Fund Scholarship during his studies at The Juilliard School, where he studied with I-Hao Lee and Hyo Kang. He earned his master's and artist diploma degrees at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater München in Germany, studying with Julia Fischer, Christoph Poppen, and Lena Neudauer. He is currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Northwestern University under Gerardo Ribeiro.

About the Gurrena Fellowship

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The \$50,000 Fellowship provides recipients with financial support and mentorship, featured concert engagements supported by **Meadowmount School of Music**, and continued collaborations and training with Meadowmount faculty throughout the Fellowship year and the following summer session.

Meadowmount School of Music in Brief

Founded in **1944** by legendary violin teacher **Ivan Galamian**, the **Meadowmount School of Music** is a seven-week summer program for violinists, violists, and cellists. Musicians ages 10 to 30 from around the world gather at the school's campus in the **Adirondack Mountains** of northern New York to immerse themselves in intensive study and artistic growth.

Meadowmount alumni include **Itzhak Perlman**, **Yo-Yo Ma**, **Pinchas Zukerman**, **Jaime Laredo**, **Lynn Harrell**, **Kyung-Wha Chung**, **Ani and Ida Kavafian**, **Joshua Bell**, **James Ehnes**, and **Jessie Montgomery**, among many others. With a legacy spanning over 80 years, Meadowmount continues to nurture the next generation of leading string players through its high-caliber and supportive environment.