

Rustem Khamidulin

(Russia)

1st prize winner of the Klaipėda International Cello Competition (2017), Lithuania, Rustem Khamidullin was born in 1989 into a musical family in Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russia. He began playing the cello at the age of four and attended the Ufa State Institute of Arts. He later moved on to study with Vladimir Tonkha at the Gnessin Russian Academy of Music in Moscow. Having completed his education in Russia, he pursued further studies with Prof. Ivan Monighetti at the Musikakademie Basel, with Prof. János Starker and Prof. Emilio Colón during the summer session at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana, and with Raphaël Pidoux in Paris (2017–18). Khamidullin is currently pursuing advanced studies at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Stuttgart, Germany, under Prof. Conradin Brotbek. He has garnered numerous top prizes in international competitions, including Semyon Kozolupov Cello Competition in Moscow, 52nd International Beethoven Festival and Competition held at the palace of Hradec nad Moravicí (Czech Republic), 2014 Gisborne International Music Competition (New Zealand), S. Knushevitskiy International Cello Competition in Saratov, Zagir Ismagilov International Music Competition in Ufa and Benyamin Sönmez International Cello Competition in Fethiye (Turkey). He was an intern with the Basel Symphony Orchestra (during the 2009–10 season) and with the Southwest German Radio Symphony Orchestra (since January 2015).