

Classical music's rising stars align

The Pharos Arts Foundation is organising a recital with not one, but two artists, widely considered to be the most promising young talents of their generation.

Wednesday's recital sees South Korean violinist Hyeyoon Park accompanied by Armenian pianist Nareh Arghamanyan for an exciting concert at the Shoe Factory in old Nicosia.

Twenty-year-old Park's rise to stardom has been rapid. She has dazzled audiences with her concerto performances and has performed with Lars Vogt, Daniel Hope and Paul Watkins, amongst many other internationally-famed artists. Frequently praised for her radiant stage presence, she is also widely acclaimed for her vivid personality.

Since her debut at the age of nine with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, she has performed with many leading orchestras. In 2009 she won two special prizes at the 58th ARD International Music Competition in Munich. At just 17 years she became the youngest ever winner in the history of the competition. That was followed by the London Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award in 2011, and most recently she was awarded the 2012 London Music Masters Award – a triennial

prize given to only three violinists in the world. Park not only received £10,000 but also invitations to play at the Wigmore Hall and give a concerto with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Park will team up with Arghamanyan, who in recent years has been quietly building an international reputation. Arghamanyan has won an impressive number of awards.

After triumphing in the Montreal International Music Competition in 2008 at



the age of 19, she has been steadily performing throughout Europe and in North America. Born in Armenia, she has played the piano since the age of five. By the time she was eight, she began her studies with Alexander Gurgenov at the Tchaikovsky Music School for Talented Children in Yerevan. In 2004, she was the youngest student to be admitted to the University for Music and Performing Arts Vienna, where she studied with Heinz Medjimorec and chamber music with Avedis Kouyoumdjan. Since 2010, she continues her piano studies with Arie Vardi in Hannover. In their duo recital, the two young musicians will play Beethoven's Spring Sonata, Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Piano and Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata for Violin and Piano No 2. The recital will end with Karol Szymanowski's 3 Myths for Violin and Piano Op 30, which is based on characters from Greek mythology. Seats are limited, so it is advised you book yours to avoid any disappointment.

Violin & Piano Recital

Pharos Arts Foundation presents a recital with pianist Nareh Arghamanyan and violinist Hyeyoon Park, with works by Beethoven, Ravel, Szymanowski and Prokofiev. February 20. The Shoe Factory, 304 Ermou Street, Nicosia. 8.30pm. €20/15. Tel. 22-663871/70-00-9304. info@pharosartsfoundation.org. www.pharosartsfoundation.org

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