

Sang Eun Lee, First Prize Cello

2009 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players



Cellist Sang Eun Lee, 15, has been a student of **Professor Myung-Wha Chung** at the **Preparatory Division of the Korean National University of Arts (KNUA)** since she was 10 years old. Identified early as a “talented young musician,” she was awarded a full scholarship to the school. At the same time, she is also continuing her middle school studies at the Yewon Middle School.

In addition to winning **First Prize Cello** at the **2009 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players**, Ms. Lee recently won Second Prize Cello at the 2009 International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians. She also won the Strad Competition in 2002, the Seoul Cello Competition (sponsored by the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra) in 2004, and the Ewha-Kyunghyang Competition in 2005. She received first prize in the Preparatory Division of the Korean National University of the Arts audition, which resulted in her appearance as a soloist with the KNUA Young Orchestra.

Ms. Lee was invited by Cheong Wa Dae, the Korean Executive Presidential Mansion, to perform for the Presentation of Cultural Performance in honor of the Diplomatic Corps to the Republic of Korea in June 2007. She has performed concertos on many occasions with orchestras such as the Prime Philharmonic, and the Suwon Philharmonic. In 2007, she was invited to perform at the Rising Star Concert after winning First Prize at the Great Mountains Music Festival & School Concerto Competition.

Early in 2008, Ms. Lee won first place in the Seoul Chamber Music Competition for Teenagers. She was also nominated as the “Best of the Best” at the Kumho Asiana’s 10th Year Anniversary Festival, and the prize included a solo recital.

In the summer of 2008, Ms. Lee won 3,000 euros for her performance at the Kronberg Academy, winning the Academy’s Ingrid Zu Solms Culture Prize. She has been invited to perform at the Kronberg Festival in Germany again in 2009.