

Jong-Gyung Park is performing at Matlock as our piano soloist as a result of winning the Haverhill International Music Competition. Her programme is likely to include works by Debussy, Beethoven, Prokofiev and Liszt.

She has firmly established herself as one of the leading pianists of her generation. She made her orchestral debut at the age of thirteen with Boston Symphony Orchestra and has since appeared with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Moscow Symphony Orchestra, Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Montevideo Symphony Orchestra, Royal Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia, Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia, Belgian National Orchestra, and New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra.

Jong-Gyung has performed across the UK and abroad: in North and South America, Germany, Russia, Italy, and Netherlands. Her recent concert activities include solo and chamber music recitals in concert series in Solothurn, Switzerland, the Royal Theatre of Monnaie in Brussels, the Sala Verdi in Milan, She is regularly invited to give masterclasses in the United States, South America, and Asia.

Jong-Gyung was born in Korea, where she started studying the piano at age three. Her musical journey started from the Preparatory School of the Tokyo Music College in Japan, the Sun-Hwa Music School in Korea and the Preparatory School of the New England Conservatory in the United States. Her professional education followed at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston where he earned Bachelor's program with full scholarship. After the studies in Boston, she was invited to take part in the prestigious "Il Fondazione per Il Pianoforte" in Como, Italy where he could interact with eminent figures in music world as Karl Ulrich Schnabel, Dmitri Bashkirov, Fou Tsong, Leon Fleisher, Alicia de Larocha, and Martha Argerich and so on. She also studied at the Hochschule Music in Munich where she received the Artist Diploma. Her teachers were Iguchi Aiko, Russell Sherman, Wha Kyung Byun, and Elisso Wissaladze.

Ms. Park has received numerous international awards including Bronze medals at the Sviatoslav Richter International piano competition, the Artur Rubinstein International Piano Masters Competition in Israel and the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in Italy where she also received Busoni Prize for commissioned work and Laureate at the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Belgium. She currently lives in Kent with her pianist husband and two daughters.