

CCM violinist in Moscow finals

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Violinist Yang Liu, an artist diploma student at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, is one of eight finalists in the 2002 Tchaikovsky International Violin Competition in Moscow.

He is the only finalist representing a school in the United States, and was selected from among 60 contestants from throughout the world.

The competition, which is held every four years, began June 5 and concludes Monday.

Each finalist will perform two violin concertos with orchestra.

That includes the compulsory Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto.

Yang Liu will also perform the Brahms Concerto.

Born in 1976 in Qingdao, People's Republic of China, Yang Liu attended the Central Conservatory of Beijing before coming to CCM to study with Kurt Sassmannshaus and the late Dorothy Delay.

He has performed frequently with CCM's Starling Chamber Orchestra, including two tours of China with the orchestra.

Yang Liu also has formed a 12-member touring ensemble of young international artists called Memento.

He will join the CCM faculty as a Starling Fellow next season.

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