

Mark Schumann, *cello*



Mark Schumann was born in 1988 in Dormagen near Cologne to Romanian-Japanese parents. He was given his first cello lessons when he was four years old. His teachers were for example Heinrich Schiff and Hans-Christian Schweiker. He is currently taught by Frans Helmerson at the Hochschule für Musik in Cologne.

He has taken part in master classes given by David Geringas, Gary Hofman, Bernard Greenhouse and Steven Isserlis and in 2008 with Maestro Seiji Ozawa at

the International Music Academy Switzerland. Numerous competition successes testify to the young musician's ability. For example, he was first prize in 2000 at the International Junior Cello Competition in Liezen, Austria. He was awarded first prize at the Gene Re and WDR music competition in 2006 and at the competition arranged by the Hochschule für Musik in Cologne in 2008.

Mark Schumann, who gave his debut performance as a soloist with the A minor cello concerto by Saint-Saens when he was 11 year old, has already played with a number of well-known orchestras as the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra, the Brandenburg State Orchestra, the Yomiuri Japan Symphony Orchestra and the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra and performs in the Tonhalle in Dusseldorf, the Philharmonic in Cologne and Suntory Hall in Tokyo. In 2010, MARK SCHUMANN took part in the chamber music course at the "Chamber Music Connects the World" in Kronberg, where he played with Gidon Kremer and Yuri Bashmet together.

Together with his two brothers, Erik and Ken Schumann, and Estonian violist Liisa Randalu, he is a member of The Bowers Program ensemble, the Schumann Quartet.