

Yaniv Gutman, violin

Nineteen-year-old Israeli violinist Yaniv Gutman started playing the violin at the age of 5. At nine, he appeared as a soloist touring with the Petach-Tikva Conservatory Symphony Orchestra. A recipient of annual scholarships and prizes from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation since 1999, Yaniv also won second prize in the Rising Star national music competition, a live broadcast on Israeli television. He was also a finalist in the 1999 Jeroslav Kocian Violin Competition in the Czech Republic and, while attending the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California, he was the winner of the 2004 Rotary Music Competition in Los Angeles. Yaniv participated in master classes with Joel Sminoff, Ruggiero Ricci and Sergiu Schwartz, with whom he also studied at the Luzerne and Bowdoin music festivals in the U.S. International Music Festival.

Yaniv appeared as a soloist with the Columbus State University Philharmonic Orchestra as a winner of the 2007 Schwob School of Music Concerto Competition. As a winner of the 2007 GMTA Competition, he represented Georgia at the MTNA Southern Division Competition, where he was declared an alternate winner. This summer, he will perform as a soloist with the Israel Camerata Orchestra and is invited to participate at the Bowdoin (US) and Keshet Eilon (Israel) international music festivals. Yaniv Gutman is a sophomore student pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance at Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music, where he studies with Turner Distinguished Violin Professor Sergiu Schwartz.