



Ellinor D'Melon Violin

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Ellinor D'Melon was born to Cuban parents in Jamaica and started to learn the violin at the age of two. Today, she is only twenty-five, but 'in spite of her age, is one of those rare players who gives the impression that her command – both technical and musical – is total' (Michael Dervan, The Irish Times). Classic FM's 'Rising Star of 2023' and prize winner of major competitions including the Henryk Wieniawski (1st Prize), 'Debut Berlin' (1st Prize) and Novosibirsk (1st Prize and special awards), Ellinor is forging a career as a violinist of the highest standing.

Her debut album *Tchaikovsky and Lalo*, recorded with Jaime Martín and the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, was released in March 2023 for Rubicon Classics 'making a noticeable impression in a crowded arena' (The Strad).

Ellinor is increasingly performing worldwide with leading orchestras, such as the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra, St.Petersburg Philharmonic, Gävle Symphony Orchestra, Moscow Virtuosi, Orquestra de Cadaqués, Real Filharmonía de Galicia, Orquesta Sinfónica de Navarra and the Sofia Philharmonic, and she has performed in various prestigious halls, notably the Berliner Philharmonie, Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall, Madrid National Auditorium, Het Concertgebouw, Cologne Philharmonie, Tonhalle Zurich, Sala Verdi Milano, Gdansk Baltic Hall. Her growing list of collaborators include Zubin Mehta, Vladimir Spivakov, Jaime Martin, Michail Jurowski, James Feddeck and Jan Latham Koenig, amongst others.

Ellinor has appeared with leading ensembles including Manchester Camerata, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Göttingen Symphonieorchester, Orchestra Sinfonica Chile, and the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales. She also made her UK recital debut at the Royal Albert Hall's prestigious Elgar Room in 2024.

Following her 2023 debut, she returned to the Norrlandsoperan Symphony Orchestra at the beginning of 2025. Other highlights of the 2024/25 season include performances with the Montevideo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Orquesta de Córdoba, as well as a recital at Palermo Classica Festival and two performances with the Suzhou Symphony Orchestra in China.

In 2026, Ellinor will perform with several major orchestras, including the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, the Szczecin Philharmonic, the Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Bilbao.

A graduate of the Reina Sofia School of Music in 2024 and recipient of the Helena Revoredo Scholarship, Ellinor was awarded The Most Outstanding Stufent award in the violin department in 2021, an honor presented by the Queen of Spain.

Ellinor plays on a Giovanni Battista Guadagnini Violin from 1743 on a kind loan from an anonymous donor from London.

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