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**THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC AND MUSIC DIRECTOR JAAP VAN ZWEDEN  
ANNOUNCE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA**

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The New York Philharmonic and Music Director Jaap van Zweden announce new members of the Orchestra: violinists I-Jung Huang, Alina Kobialka, and Audrey Wright. They are the first musicians to join the Orchestra since before the onset of the pandemic and the resulting cancellation of concerts.

**I-Jung Huang** served as a member of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's first violin section, which she joined in 2020. She was a top prizewinner in the 2017 Ima Hogg Concerto Competition and the 2016 Hudson Valley String Competition, as well as a laureate of the 2015 Michael Hill International Violin Competition. She studied and served as concertmaster at the Manhattan School of Music, New England Conservatory, and The Juilliard School.

**Alina Kobialka** has performed with various American orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony and the Las Vegas Philharmonic. She was awarded Second Prize at the 2017 Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition, was named a laureate of the 2016 Irving M. Klein International Competition, and received the Grand Prize at the Mondavi Center National Young Artists Competition. She studied at the Colburn School Music Academy Program, DePaul University, and Cleveland Institute of Music.

**Audrey Wright** previously served as associate concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and continues to serve as concertmaster of the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra. She has appeared as soloist with both orchestras, as well as with the New World Symphony and Cape Symphony Orchestra. She is also a recurring participant in the Verbier Festival in Switzerland, where she has served as concertmaster. She studied at the New England Conservatory and University of Maryland.

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