

## **Artist Biography**

Zheyang "Jerry" Xiong joined the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in September of 2020. Born in Guangzhou, China in 1995, he began playing the violin at age four, studying with Mr. Yinglong Gu and Professor Wei Wei. In September of 2014, He enrolled at Oberlin College and Conservatory as a chemistry major student and soon afterwards became a double degree candidate, studying violin with Professor Marilyn McDonald. After graduating from Oberlin College and Conservatory in 2019, Xiong entered University of Southern California Thornton School of Music and became a student of Professor Glenn Dicterow.

Recent performances include the Schubert C major Fantasy with pianist Alessandro Deljavana as well as being a featured soloist with Oberlin Orchestra in Bartok Violin Concerto No. 2. He was also declared the winner of 2017-18 Oberlin Concerto Competition and the semi-finalist of Ann and Charles Eisemann International Young Artist Competition of 2018. Xiong was concertmaster of the Colorado College Summer Music Festival Orchestra and also appeared in that position with the Oberlin Orchestra and Thornton Symphony Orchestra. He was also an active participant in many summer institutes including Music Academy of the West in 2018.

Xiong also studied the baroque violin with Professor Marilyn McDonald and has appeared as a frequent soloist with the Oberlin Baroque Orchestra. One of his interests is performing music from the baroque and classical period music on original instruments.