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## **Japanese pianist Mao Fujita wins 2nd prize at Tchaikovsky Competition**

*Becomes first Japanese male pianist to win 2nd prize in piano category of the contest*

20-year-old Mao Fujita won the 2nd prize of the 16th International Tchaikovsky Competition on June 27, 2019.

Born in Tokyo in 1998, Fujita displayed immense talent from an early age, winning prizes in various prestigious international piano competitions. In 2017, at the age of just 18, he won the 27th Clara Haskil International Piano Competition.

The live broadcast of the Tchaikovsky Competition on mediciTV also attracted much attention from classical music fans across the world.

Fujita has released four albums thus far, all from the Naxos Japan label. His latest piano solo album 'Passage Chopin: Piano Sonata No. 3' released in 2018, features Chopin's Third Sonata, the piece Fujita performed in the semi-final round of the competition. Those four albums are available on various digital platforms like Spotify, Apple Music, or HD Tracks.

### **Related Links:**

Naxos Japan – Mao Fujita, Pianist

<http://naxos.jp/profile/maofujita>

JAPAN ARTS – Mao Fujita Piano

<https://www.japanarts.co.jp/artist/MaoFUJITA?lang=2>

Mao Fujita Official Homepage

<https://www.maofujita.com/>

The XVI International Tchaikovsky Competition

<https://tch16.com/en/>

The XVI International Tchaikovsky Competition Livestream on medici.TV

<https://tch16.medici.tv/en/piano/>

## **Mao Fujita – Biography**

Born in Tokyo in 1998, Mao Fujita began studying the piano at the age of three.

In 2019, He won the 2nd prize of the 16th International Tchaikovsky Competition.

In 2017, while still a freshman at the Tokyo College of Music, Mao won the 27th Concours International De Piano Clara Haskil in Switzerland, also winning three special awards—the “Audience Award,” the “Prix Modern Times,” and the “Prix Coup de Coeur.” This achievement earned him international attention.

2017 / 2018 Season, he played Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto with Mo. Oleg Caetani & Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra with much success. He also performed Klavier-Festival Ruhr, and invited to Verbier Festival as Academy Musician.

2018 / 2019 Season, he played Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 3 with Mo. Kachun Wong & Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra and Andre Jolivet Piano Concerto with Mo. Kazuyoshi Akiyama & Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. He was invited to “New Generation Series” at Louis Vuitton Foundation.

During this season he will play Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, Mozart Piano Concerto No. 20, Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 and Schumann Piano Concerto and so on.

Mao has won numerous awards inside and outside Japan. In 2010, he received 1st Prize in the Junior Section of “The World Classic” (Taiwan) and 1st Prize in the elementary school division of the national competition of the Student Music Concours of Japan. He also won 1st Prize at the International Rosario Marciano Piano Competition in Austria in 2013, 1st Prize at the Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians in 2015, 1st Prize at the Hamamatsu International Piano Academy Competition, and 3rd Prize at the Gina Bachauer International Young Artists Piano Competition in the United States in 2016.

Mao Fujita – Discography

## “passage - Chopin: Piano Sonata No.3”



Naxos Japan [NYCC-27306] Released in 2018 (at the age of 19)

[http://naxos.jp/news/maofujita\\_3rd](http://naxos.jp/news/maofujita_3rd) Product Information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk7VR3x9OAK> Promotion Video on YouTube



### “Wagner/Liszt: Tannhauser Overture”

Naxos Japan [NYCC-27296] Released in 2015 (at the age of 16)

<http://naxos.jp/special/nycc-27296>

### “Rachmaninov: Six Moments Musicaux, Miyoshi: Piano Sonata”

Naxos Japan [NYCC-10001] Released in 2013 (at the age of 14)

<http://naxos.jp/special/nycc-10001>

### “Paderewski: Piano Master Pieces” (Yukio Yokoyama, Yukine Kuroki, Mao Fujita)

Naxos Japan [NYCC-27307] Released in 2018 (at the age of 20)

<http://naxos.jp/special/paderewski>

Artist page on Spotify

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1A3xDpBtFybcnBimuYOnRq?si=hqiUsBb1RZGvzAD-ipZ1rQ>



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**The 16th International Tchaikovsky Competition on June 27**

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