

## XIN (JAMES) JIN - violin

Currently working as Associate Principal Second Violinist in the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, China Liaisons Coordinator in APO, Director of Auckland Academy of Music, Director of NZ Chamber Orchestra, Director of Asia Pacific Performing Arts, Board Member of the Asia Pacific Musicians Association, and Board Member of the New Zealand Huaxing Arts Group, Xin (James) Jin was born in China and came to New Zealand with his family in 2001. In New Zealand James performed regularly in recitals and concerts, highlights of his performances include Brahms' violin concerto with the Wellington Chamber Orchestra and the Manawatu Sinfonia Orchestra and concert pieces with the Michael Monaghan Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra. James was contracted by the Wellington Vector Orchestra as Principal Second Violinist in 2007, and in the following year he was admitted, with the award of full scholarship, to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In America James has won top prizes in competitions including the Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Competition and the Y.E.S. Foundation Young Arts' Competition. James has also worked with many distinguished teachers, artists, ensembles and conductors in the Tanglewood Music Festival, Music Academy of the West and the Siena International Music Festival.

Returning to New Zealand in 2014, James has won the New Zealand School of Music concerto competition and the Waikanae Music Society scholarship. James joined the APO as Associate Principle 2nd Violinist in 2013. Apart from performing with the orchestra, James also curates the APO's chamber music series Up-Close, and the APO Summer Piano and Chamber Programmes. Besides working for the APO, James appears regularly in recitals and concerts throughout the country. His chamber ensemble, the Auckland Piano Trio, is featured in the CMNZ Encompass Regional Tour concert series.