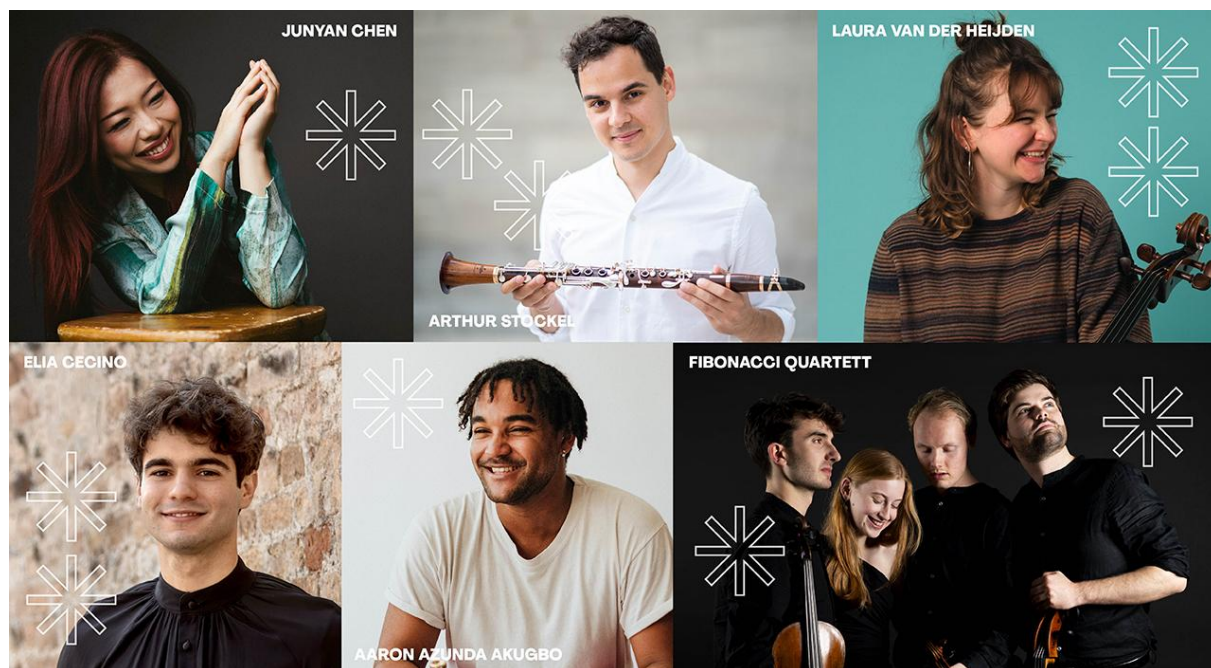


# ECHO RISING STARS

## ECHO REVEALS ITS RISING STARS FOR THE 2027-28 SEASON

Brussels, June 19, 2026 – The European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO) introduces the artists selected for its **2027-28 ECHO Rising Stars** season.



- **Junyan Chen, piano** – nominated by Barbican Centre, Musikverein Wien and Wiener Konzerthaus
- **Elia Cecino, piano** – nominated by Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Festspielhaus Baden-Baden, Konzerthaus Dortmund, Megaron - The Athens Concert Hall and Palau de la Musica Catalana
- **Laura van der Heijden, cello** – nominated by The Glasshouse International Music Centre and Het Concertgebouw Amsterdam
- **Arthur Stockel, clarinet** – nominated by Philharmonie du Luxembourg, NOSPR Katowice and Konzerthaus Dortmund
- **Aaron Azunda Akugbo, trumpet** – nominated by Palau de la Música Catalana, B:Music, Barbican Centre, Het Concertgebouw Amsterdam, The Glasshouse International Music Centre
- **Fibonacci Quartet** – nominated by Gulbenkian Foundation, Barbican Centre, Musikverein Wien and Kölner Philharmonie

As part of the ECHO Rising Stars programme, these artists will perform on the stages of leading concert halls across Europe throughout the **2027-28 concert season**. In addition to their concert tours, they will take part in **Education, Learning and Participation (ELP)** activities, **commission a new work** by a composer of their choice, and engage in **workshops and mentoring opportunities** designed to support their artistic and professional growth.

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Since its launch in the 1995/96 season, the ECHO Rising Stars programme has supported over 150 outstanding young artists. Alumni of the programme include celebrated names such as **Patricia Kopatchinskaja, Jörg Widmann, Janine Jansen, Igor Levit, Renaud Capuçon, Khatia Buniatishvili, Benjamin Appl, Kian Soltani, Quarteto Casals, Belcea Quartet, and Modigliani Quartet.**

Artists are nominated by the artistic teams of ECHO member halls, who identify musicians already making waves in their national scenes and ready to reach a broader European audience. The selection process is coordinated by the ECHO office and based on in-depth discussions during the annual artistic meeting, which this year took place in Athens, hosted by Megaron from May 5-7, 2026.

The current ECHO Rising Stars for the 2026-27 season include Camila Mandillo (soprano), Elionor Martinez (soprano), Ava Bahari (violin), Petar Pejčić (cello), the Amelio Trio (piano trio) and the Javus Quartet (string quartet).

For more information about the **European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO)** and the **Rising Stars programme**, please visit our website [concerthallorganisation.eu](https://concerthallorganisation.eu), follow us on Instagram @echorisingstars or contact:

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