

## **Hawijch Elders, violin**

**Hawijch Elders** studies with Ilya Grubert at the Conservatory of Amsterdam, Excellence programme, since 2016. She began playing the violin at the age of six and was soon recognized as highly talented pupil of Mea Fontijn, and received lessons from Benzion Shamir at Codarts Rotterdam Conservatory. She participated to masterclasses with amongst others Shlomo Mintz, Ivry Gitlis, Ray Chen, Pierre Amoyal, Emmy Verhey, Paul Roczek, Shmuel Ashkenasi, Ani Schnarch and Zakhar Bron.

*“She showed her commitment to music with exceptional talent”*

Hawijch received many prizes and awards at national and international violin competitions. Recently, she won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 37<sup>th</sup> ‘Premio Rodolfo Lipizer’ international violin competition. In January 2018, Hawijch Elders performed the Dvořák violin concerto as soloist with the Residentie Orkest lead by Otto Tausk in the Finals of the Netherlands violin competition ‘Oskar Back’, where she was awarded the Audience Prize at a large majority of votes and received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize.

Hawijch Elders regularly performs in the Netherlands and abroad. She enjoys giving violin recitals. She was concert master of the Netherlands Youth String Orchestra (NJSO) and performed as its soloist during the NJSO summer tour 2016 with performances of the seasons of Vivaldi and Piazzolla. Hawijch performed as soloist in the Beethoven, Sibelius, Bach, Paganini, Britten and Dvořák violin concertos and Sarasate’s Carmen Fantasy with amongst others the Real Filharmonía de Galicia, New Philharmonic Utrecht, Orquestra Clássica da Madeira, Domestica Rotterdam, Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra, Residentie Orkest and the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra. She also enjoys to perform chamber music and has given several recitals, amongst others as part of The International Holland Music Sessions.

Hawijch plays a violin by Gennaro Gagliano (Napels, ca. 1755) and a bow by Jean Pierre Marie Persoit (19<sup>th</sup> century), kindly on loan from the Dutch Musical Instruments Foundation. The violin is part of the ‘collection Willem G. Vogelaar’.