David Baik is a violinist devoted to expressing intimate emotions through his instrument and creating a profound connection with his audience.

Featured on the CBC Canada's "30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians Under 30", South Korean-born violinist David Baik is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2023 Peter-Mendell Award from the Jeunesses Musicales Canada Foundation, Grand Prize at the 2021 NAC Bursary Competition, consecutive First Prizes at the 2016 and 2017 Canadian Music Competition, Sturdevant Prize, Gerhard Kander Graduating Award, Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Fellowship, and the Gabriella Dory Prize. Recently, Baik was named a winner of the 2023 Canada Council Musical Instrument Bank competition.

He participated in lessons and masterclasses with many internationally renowned musicians, including James Ehnes, Midori Goto, Mathieu Herzog, Ani Kavafian, Paul Kantor, Martin Beaver, Alexander Kerr, and Kathleen Winkler, as well as the New Orford String Quartet, Dover Quartet, Tokyo String Quartet, Quatuor Diotima, St. Lawrence String Quartet, and the Alban Berg Quartet. Baik obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto, where he was mentored by Jonathan Crow. In 2022, he was awarded a fellowship at the Schulich School of Music, where he continued his studies under the guidance of Andrew Wan.

As an avid chamber musician, Baik has engaged in notable collaborations with esteemed artists such as Camden Shaw, Charles Richard Hamelin, Jennifer Koh, Andrew Wan, Desmond Hoebig, Jonathan Crow, and Philip Chiu. Additionally, his string quartet, the Stelios Quartet, has garnered acclaim, earning multiple awards, including the 2024 Schiermonnikoog Festival Audience Award and the Grand Prize at the 2023 McGill Chamber Music Competition. Their upcoming schedule features a notable lineup of concerts throughout the Netherlands, with performances scheduled in Eelde, Rhenen, Dalfsen, and Schiermonnikoog. Also an active soloist, Baik has performed with the Durham Chamber Orchestra, North York Symphony Orchestra, and the Ottawa Youth Orchestra.

Baik has made appearances at the Toronto Summer Music festival, Schiermonnikoog Festival, Aspen Music Festival, Netherlands String Quartet Academy, McGill International String Quartet Academy, Orford Music Festival, and the Meadowmount School of Music. For the 2024/25 season, David Baik will be a resident of the Rebanks Family Fellowship and International Residency Program at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

He performs on the <u>1871 J.B. Vuillaume</u> violin, generously on loan from the Canada Council for the Arts.

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