



YEHUDI MENUHIN

Akademi Fellowship

Born on 26 April 1916 in New York, U.S.A., Lord Yehudi Menuhin made his debut as a violinist at the age of seven with the San Francisco Symphony. He also gave recitals in New York, Paris, Berlin and London in his boyhood, and studied under masters like Persinger and Enescu.

Lord Menuhin has played all over the world with leading conductors and orchestras. On his first visit to India in 1952 he formed an abiding partnership with Pandit Ravi Shankar with whom he has done significant work in world music, breaking barriers of musical systems and political boundaries. He has also worked with the jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli, producing a number of records. He is the first Western musician to be made Honorary Professor of the Beijing Conservatoire.

Lord Menuhin is recognized for his concern for peace and his humanism. He has received numerous honours including the Legion d'Honneur of France, the Order of Merit from Germany, the Royal Philharmonic Society's Gold Medal, and a Life Peerage in 1993. Leading universities around the world have conferred honorary degrees on him. At 79 he continues an active career in music as president and conductor of the Royal Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, and other prestigious orchestras.

For his contribution to world music Lord Yehudi Menuhin is elected Fellow of Sangeet Natak Akademi.



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