

Leonhard Baumgartner was born in 2007 in Vienna, Austria. Violin studies from age three on with Gudrun Eber and Katharina Traunfellner, as well as choral tuition at the Nano Choir, which had an important impact on his musical development. At the choir he received solo vocal education, rhythm and ensemble training alongside with performance in numerous concerts.

In September 2019 Leonhard was accepted as pre college student into the violin studio of ao.Univ. Prof. Regina Brandstaetter at the University for Music and Performing Arts Graz.

Leonhard is a major prize winner at national and international competitions.

In July 2021 Leonhard won 2nd Prize at the renowned International Competition Il Piccolo Violino Magico in Italy, which was live-streamed by the Violin Channel .

From 2014 on, Leonhard has taken part in the biggest National Music Competition of Austria, Prima La Musica, eight times. He competed in chamber music ensembles as well as in solo violin. Each time Leonhard took part, he won First Prize with distinction. Leonhard also won at the federal competition of Austria (Bundeswettbewerb) Prima La Musica and got the First Prize and Spezial Prize of the ESTA (European String Teachers Association).

In August 2018 Leo won First Prize at the International Vivaldi Competition Vienna. In June 2020 Leo was selected as invited finalist at the Osaka International Music Competition semifinal in Vienna, Austria. Due to the travel restrictions during the Corona pandemic, Leo could not take part in the final in October.

Due to the pandemic Leonhard took part in new international online competitions. At the "Vienna New Year's International Music Competition" without age groups he got the "Special Young Talent Award" in December 2020. In January 2021 Leo won First Prize at the VI Odin International Music Online Competition . In March 2021 Leo won First Prize at Danubia Talents "Vienna Classics" Competition as well as absolut First Prize with highest marks (100/100) at the Iscart Swiss International Music Competition. In September 2021 he won the First Prize in his age category (14-17 years old) at the International Moscow Music- Online Competition.

Since September 2020 he is a longterm scholarship holder of the „PE- Förderungen“ Mannheim in Germany, where he has competed at the audition in Mannheim . Other former scholars of the program are artists like Augustin Hadelich, Arabella Steinbacher and Daniel Müller- Schott.

Currently Leo is also scholar of „Internationale Musikakademie Liechtenstein“and takes part in concerts and intensive weeks.

In 2019 Leonhard was the youngest accepted active participant at the renowned Kronberg Academy Masterclasses, Germany. There he was student in the class of Gerhard Schulz. In 2021 , Leo was invited again and attended the masterclass of Pavel Vernikov. At one of the concerts of Kronberg Academy, Leo was awarded the Manfred Grommek Special Prize 2021.

In October 2021 he is invited to the chamber music Event Mit Musik Miteinander at the Kronberg Academy.

Leo attended violin masterclasses with Pavel Vernikov, Ingolf Turban, Paul Roczek at Salzburg, where he participated in Young Excellence Masterclasses and Concerts, Gerhard Schulz, Maxim Brilinsky, Yair Kless, Georg Hamann, and Alexandra Rappitsch.

Leonhard has performed in numerous concerts as soloist and chamber musician. He was also invited to participate in a special program of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra for highly gifted children. As member of the string ensemble Camerata Prima la Musica Wien he plays solo and in the orchestra , as well as chamber music. There he receives tuition by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and is invited to projects and concerts.