



Sofia Radovic

Sofia Eva Radovic, fifteen years old, began her music education in violin and piano at the age of six and is currently studying violin and viola under the tutelage of Desirée Ruhstrat and piano theory with Jennifer Cohen. Previously, Sofia studied violin at Wheaton College Community School of the Arts under Julie Bickel.

Sofia regularly competes in various violin, piano and viola competitions throughout the Chicagoland area. In 2015, performed her first concerto solo performance with the Fox Valley Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of nine. In 2016, Sofia was invited to solo V. Monti's Czardas with the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Sommerville. Sofia has won both violin and viola competitions at the DePaul Concerto Festival for Young Artists competition for 2017 and 2018 respectively.

Sofia currently performs as a member of the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory in Highwood, Illinois under the direction of Dr. Allan Dennis performing with the Symphony Orchestra. Recently, her intensive chamber ensemble was selected for 2nd round Fischhoff competition this year. In 2021, Sofia was the first-place winner in the Society of American Musicians competition for viola intermediate division.

She is especially grateful to those who have inspired her solo and chamber performance playing, including her viola/violin coach, Desiree Ruhstrat, chamber coach, Lyudmila Lakisova, orchestra director, Dr. Allan Dennis, MYAC Isolisti chamber director- Charlie Pikler, and piano accompanist Tatyana Stepanova. OPUS Naperville Directors, Mara Gallagher and Linda Yu have been helpful in growing her musical abilities and experiences.

Sofia and her two younger sisters enjoy performing classical music, ethnic Balkan and folk music at surrounding Chicago area churches, community festivals, weddings, cocktail and charity events. Sofia also enjoys tennis, drawing, novel writing, bike riding, rollerblading, and church choir. Her support of family, teachers and mentors play a significant role in pursuing her musical gifts, for which she is truly grateful.