

**Kuznezova Maria Viktorovna** was born in Yaroslavl. There were no professional musicians in her family. But Maria's mother played guitar and sang. Her grandmother was often playing gramophone records with music of great singers. This probably had impact on child and in age of 6 years Maria started going to Children's Art School named after D.P. Kogan, in violin class of L.N. Usachova. During her studies in this school she was into concert activities and took participation in contests of bowed instrument performers, solo and as a part of duet and ensemble. She won different rewards and titles. Among most considerable there are following:

- laureate of III degree in Trans-regional competition of young bowed instrument performers "The Future of Russia" in 2010;
- laureate of III degree as a part of violin duet in All-Russia competition "Wind rose" in 2010;
- laureate of I degree as a part of violin ensemble "Aquarelle" in All-Russia competition "Wind rose" in 2010;
- participant (as a part of violin ensemble "Aquarelle") of VII International festival «Moscow meets friends», organized by International Charity Foundation by Vladimir Spivakov in 2010.

In 2011 Maria enrolls at The Saint-Petersburg M.P. Mussorgsky College of Music, into class of V.A. Yakubovskaya and shifts to Saint-Petersburg. While studying in college she continued to take participation in contests.

In 2014 she became diploma winner in International musical competition in Stockholm.

In 2015 she enrolled at The Saint - Petersburg State Conservatory named after N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov, into class of L.V. Kovalenko, on paid basis (specialist's program, «The Art of Concert Performance. Concert chords instruments (speciality: violin)» ).

In 2016 she enrolled at The Saint - Petersburg State Conservatory named after N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov on budget basis, full-time mode of studies. Presently, she is a third year student.

She worked in orchester of Youth Philharmonia, orchester «Credo» , «Creato-Project», «1703». Also Maria worked in orchester of Leningrad oblast "Taurida".

She took part in projects of Youth Opera Theater: presentation of opera «Aleko» by S.V. Rahmaninov, performance as part of quartet «Stabat Mater» by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, «Requiem» W.A. Mozart and others.