

Algarve Young Violinist
International Summer Academy

August 17 - 25, 2025

A unique opportunity for young violinists aged 12-17 to develop and elevate their playing in the magical setting of Praia da Luz, a town situated on the stunning western Algarve coastline. This intensive violin master course will be held from the 17th to the 25th of August, with only five applicants accepted. The course will comprise of daily individual lessons, performance classes, chamber music coaching, rehearsals with an accompanist, and introductory yoga lessons for young musicians, ending with a showcase concert that parents are invited to. This summer academy offers a unique environment for focused musical growth, an opportunity to master advanced techniques, learn about deliberate practice methods, gain performance experience, while exploring the Algarve and making music with like-minded peers.

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Led by Dr Sofia Yatsyuk

Performer | Educator

Application Deadline June 10th

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Video recordings of two contrasting pieces Grade 7 and above and a short introduction of yourself to be sent to sofia7414@hotmail.co.uk by June 10th.

Please contact Dr Yatsyuk with further questions via the email above.

<https://www.sofiayatsyuk.com>



Price - €1,000 per student

- **8 Nights**
- **Lodging + three meals a day (pescatarian menu)**
- **Six individual violin lessons**
- **Performance classes**
- **Two Introductory yoga classes for physical awareness/ breath work**
- **Rehearsals with piano**
- **Three chamber music sessions**
- **Dolphin Boat Ride Excursion in Lagos + trip into the town of Lagos**
- **Praia da Cordoama Beach Excursion**
- **Local Fish & Chips excursion to Luz beach**
- **Showcase concert on Sunday, August 24th**

Dr Sofia Yatsyuk is a Ukrainian-British concert violinist and teacher, who has enchanted audiences and critics around the world, becoming a highly sought-after performer and collaborator. A graduate of the Purcell School of Music and the Royal Academy of Music, Sofia completed her masters and doctorate degrees at McGill University in violin performance.

As an award-winning violinist, Sofia made her orchestral debut with the Ternopil Symphony Orchestra in 2014 and has performed as a soloist and a chamber musician in Ukraine, Italy, Slovenia, Poland, China, Canada, France, United States, and the United Kingdom, including performances at Giuseppe Tartini's house in Slovenia, the Parliament building in London, Wigmore Hall, and Carnegie Hall in New York. In 2024, Sofia was the recipient of McGill University's Graduate Excellence fellowship award, the Heinz Saueressig award for academic excellence, the Josephat Jean Foundation's doctoral award and the Marusia Yaworska scholarship award. While completing her doctorate, Sofia taught violin at McGill University, where she also coached chamber music and led orchestral sectionals. As a passionate educator, her teaching philosophy is built on adapting her methods to nurture every student's individual creativity. She focuses on the development and the continuous evolution of a strong technical base, the understanding and implementation of deliberate practice methods and their relationship to performance practice techniques. As a certified yogi, Sofia incorporates the importance of physical awareness and breath work into her teaching, addressing injury prevention and warm up techniques.



Sofia recently released her first solo album titled 'Silent Voices, Intertwined Paths' featuring the violin and piano sonatas of composers Rebecca Clarke and Ethel Smyth. The Strad magazine published Sofia's article promoting the album, celebrating women composers in classical music.