

Mari Hakobyan

I was born on June 17 in 2009 in Yerevan, Armenia. I attended the French nursery school named after Anatole France in Yerevan from 2012 and have been studying at the same school from 2015. In 2016 I was admitted to the music school after K. Sarajyan, string department, cello. Since 2019 I have been studying at Yerevan P. Tchaikovsky Music School, in Gayane Rafayelyan's class. I have been practicing music since I was 7 years old and now it has become a huge part of my daily life. So far, I have participated in the following music competitions:

- “ Renaissance International Competition-Festival ” First prize , 2018, Gyumri
- “ AGBU Discovers talents ” Music Contest . Special prize , 2018 , Yerevan
- PRO ARTISTS INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION: 3RD PRIZE, 2018
- GOLDEN CLASSICAL MUSIC AWARDS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, NEW YORK: 1ST PRIZE, 2019

I performed at Carnegie Hall in New York as part of this competition

- INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION, PARIS “GRAND PRIZE VIRTUOSO”: 1ST PRIZE, 2019

As one of the laureates of this competition, I performed at the Paris Philharmonic.

- “ New Names ” member , 2019
- “ AGBU Discovers Talents ” Music Contest : Grand Prize , 2019 , Yerevan
- 12 th Antonio Janigro international cello competition: 1 st prize, special prize, 2020

The competition took place in Zagreb, Croatia.

I am keen on sports. I have been attending figure skating school and dance college since I was 3 years old, but am thinking of taking yoga classes, as I find the latter to be more preferable to me. I do a lot of physical exercises during the day and aim to learn air jumps.

Cooking is my passion. I love making and eating sweet snacks.

Foreign languages are also among my interests. I mostly communicate with my classmates in French, because all the subjects taught at school are in French and I have a lot of French classmates . In everyday life I talk a lot in Russian with my family members . In addition, I study English at school and can communicate in English on daily topics. I also learn Spanish because I fell in love with Spain.

Music is no longer a hobby for me. The cello is already a profession. I don't know what will change in the future, but for now I definitely dream of growing in the music field, getting to know famous musicians, and performing on big stages.