

Anne McChesney Bio

Anne, now age 10, started playing the violin at age of 4 in Qatar Music Academy. She is currently a student of Dmitri Torchinsky .

For the past 4 years, Anne has been attending Masterclasses and performing with Encore Music Projects, which is an international music organization based in the UK. This summer music program is held in Wells Cathedral School, which is one of the Top 5 music specialist schools in UK. During this time, Anne has been under the tutelage of Professor Andrea Gajic (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland). Her first public performance with Encore was in the very grand surroundings of Longleat House, a famous Stately Home in the UK, when she was only 5 years old.

In Doha, Anne's first public performance was in the Qatar National Library for Qatar Music Academy when she was 6 years old. Also, as a resident violinist of the Qatar based Moving Young Artists organisation , she has regularly performed in several public events.

Anne participated in her first competition at age 6 for the Qatar National Music Competition under the Concerto Cup and was awarded the "Special Jury Award."

At age 7, she entered in a "Brilliant Talent Discovery Award," online competition held in Singapore and she won Gold. At the same competition, Anne also won Gold in the Chamber category where she performed a chamber piece with her friend Claudia Martinez and her Brother William. They were invited to perform in the gala concert held in the iconic Esplanade Concert Hall, in Singapore.

As a result of this competition win, Anne was invited by the competition organisers to join a Scandinavian Concert Tour in December 2019, with the highlight being Anne's opportunity to perform in Stockholm, Sweden. As part of this Concert Tour, Anne also attended masterclass conducted by Andrej Nikolaev.

Over the years, she also had the opportunities to attend masterclasses by renowned violinists, Alexander Souptel , Masako Suzuki White, Savitri Grier and Michal Owizewicz .

In 2020, Anne auditioned successfully to perform as soloist with the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra . Sadly, the concert was cancelled due to the covid situation.

Anne recently won first place in the Newport Virtuosi online music competition (98 points) and the video of her performance, being judged as one of the best, was subsequently published online by the organisation .

Anne also won 2 nd place in VI Odin International Music Online Competition 2021.

Anne is currently playing on a rare 3/4 violin from Florian Leonhard Fine Violins.