Hello! I am nine years young girl named Gabriela Leimane! I would like to tell you about my passion for playing violin. I was born on 26th of February in 2013, and being just few months old, I was already showing interest in music (it's what my mom say's, I don't really remember). Honestly speaking, I have grown up with music, I really love listening to various compositions and sing along. When I was six and a half, I said to my mom that I would like to learn to play violin in Kekavas music school. This idea came up to me, when I saw latvian virtuoso Valters Puce is playing cello and thought, that someday I will play my chosen instrument just like him!

In my first contest 4<sup>th</sup> Italian International Music Competition "Citta' Di Sarzana", 2021, I was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in *Piccole Note* category.

I then competed in 21st Century Talents Music Competition in Ottawa, Canada and was awarded 1st place in strings competition- young musicians category. I chose to perform Ezra Jenkinson, Elves Dance.

I want people to feel and notice my love for music and I want to develop and train my skills in music and playing violin.