Ilva Eigus Biography

Ilva Eigus, born in Switzerland in 2007, is an exceptional talent. She received her first violin lessons at the age of three with Liana Tretiakova at the Zakhar Bron School of Music in Zurich. She made her debut with orchestra at the age of eight and has since performed with the Zurich Chamber Orchestra, Musikkollegium Winterthur, Moscow Philharmonic, Prague Royal Philharmonic and Novosibirsk Philharmonic, among others. In 2023 Ilva made her debut at the Tonhalle Zurich with Mendelssohn's E minor Violin Concerto and at the Gstaad Menuhin Festival, and participated as "Junior Soloist" in the renowned Verbier Festival Summer Academy. Ilva is a multiple first prize winner of the Swiss Youth Music Competition and has won numerous prizes at international competitions, including first prize at the XXI "Nutcracker" Competition in Moscow and second prize at the Wieniawski-Lipinski Violin Competition in Lublin, Poland. Ilva is currently a student in PreCollege at the Conservatoire Royal de Liège in Belgium with Professor Marc Bouchkov and is taking her Abitur at a German gymnasium. She has received further musical inspiration from Zakhar Bron, Augustin Dumay, Daniel Hope, Latica Honda-Rosenberg, Janine Jansen, Michaela Martin, Priya Mitchell, Alexandra Soumm, Ingolf Turban and Maxim Vengerov. Ilva plays an Omobono Stradivari from 1707, a generous loan from the Stradivari Foundation Habisreutinger-Huggler-Coray.