



A passionate performer and teacher, **Saba Yousefi** is currently studying for her Master of Violin Performance degree at the University of Toronto, where she also received her Bachelor of Music in Performance.

Saba started playing the violin at the age of eight in Tehran, Iran. She attended the Tehran Conservatory and graduated with a Diploma in Music. While resident in Tehran, Saba was Concertmaster in the Austrian Embassy Orchestra and Assistant Concertmaster in the Tehran Philharmonic Orchestra. Saba was also the first prize recipient in the Tehran classical music competition.

Saba immigrated to Canada in order to further cultivate her musical journey. To

that end, Saba has studied with members of the Montreal and Toronto Symphony Orchestras. Past and current teachers include Khachik Babayan, as well as renowned Canadian violinists Jacques Israelievitch, Erika Raum, and Mark Fewer. Additionally, since moving to Toronto, Saba has performed in solo and chamber music masterclasses for Barry Shiffman, Jonathan Crow, Andrew Wan, Timothy Ying, the Gryphon Trio, as well as with the St. Lawrence and the New Orford String Quartets.

While she completes her graduate degree, Saba teaches violin at University Settlement and at the Sarv Music Academy in Toronto, which emphasizes music instruction in both Western Classical and Iranian music.