

Short biographical note

Greta Papa is a Greek-Albanian award-winning violinist who has vast experience in solo, chamber and orchestral music performances, with extensive repertoire and expertise in both classical and contemporary styles. Her career took off when she became the youngest member of the Thessaloniki State Symphony Orchestra, selected by Leonidas Kavakos. Greta took part in many festivals and concert series in Greece, including solo performances including Brahms Violin Concerto, Chausson Poeme, Vivaldi Seasons, Brahms Concerto for Violin& Cello, Sarasate Zigeunerweisen with both State Orchestras of Athens and Thessaloniki as well as soloist at Onassis Cultural Centre and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre.

Greta moved to London to study her Masters with Andrew Watkinson at the Guildhall School of Music& Drama with full scholarship, obtaining her MPerf with distinction. While she was at the GSMD she worked with prominent string quartets such as the Endellion and Takacs.

She was also granted a full scholarship to study with Stephanie Gonley at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, for the Artist Diploma and Advanced Professional Diploma with distinction.

Greta has performed with orchestras such as the LSO, ECO, ACO, BBC NOW, working with conductors as such as Sir Simon Rattle, Marin Alsop, Michael Tilson Thomas and others.

In 2021, Greta formed the Waldstein Quartet performing in notable venues across England such as Wigmore Hall, Dartington Summer School etc.

Following this, Greta formed the Waldstein Piano Trio with cellist Miguel Angel Villeda and pianist Christos Fountos. Since then, the trio has won several international chamber music competitions such as Vienna International Competition in Musikverein, Medici International Competition in London, Amadeus International Music Awards in Mozarteum, Maurice Ravel International Competition in Paris, Grand Prix Virtuoso in Beethoven Haus as well as the Cavatina Intercollegiate Chamber Music Competition at Wigmore Hall when they were the only group from the London colleges of music that won among others.

In 2023 the trio was invited in Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada, to work with acclaimed chamber music groups such as Gryphon Trio, Parker Quartet, Jack Quartet and Eybler Quartet.

Greta plays a Pressenda violin, generously loaned by Trinity Laban Conservatoire.