

Inga Våga Gaustad – biography:



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Inga is a Berlin-based violinist and student at the Hochschule für Musik 'Hanns Eisler', where she studies with Professor Kolja Blacher. Born in Kirkenes, Norway, in 1998, she began studying the violin aged seven at the Nesodden Municipal School of Music. In 2010 she was accepted to study at the prestigious Barratt Due Institute of Music (BDIM) as part of their young talent programme, an institution where she continued to study throughout her high-school education. During her time at BDIM, Inga was fortunate enough to receive lessons from teachers such as Robert Rozek, Dora Schwartzberg, Mauricio Fuks, Stephan Barratt Due, Lukasz Blaszczyk, and Iskandar Widjaja.

In 2016, Inga reached the final of the Norwegian Broadcasting Company's 'Virtuoso' competition where she performed with the NKR Symphony Orchestra in a concert broadcast on national television and radio. Later on that year she performed Chausson's Poeme with the Trondheim Symphony Orchestra and the first movement of Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major with the Kaunas City Symphony Orchestra, an engagement that was the result of winning the 2015 DNB competition.

In masterclasses, she has worked with artists such as Nicola Benedetti in Gothenburg, Sweden, Ana Chumachenco, as part of the 2017 Schleswig Holstein Musik Festival in Lübeck, Germany, and with Nam Yun Kim, during an orchestra tour of South Korea. In July 2018, Inga received lessons from Mihaela Martin as part of the Pablo Casals Festival Academy.