

## VALENTINA PAOLUCCI

Argentine-born violinist and upcoming conductor, Valentina Paolucci, is a 21 year old musician in the United States. Born to an Italian father and Argentinian mother, she grew up in South Florida where she currently studies at the University of Miami studying Violin Performance with Charles Castleman. In 2019, Valentina toured Europe as a violinist with the National Youth Orchestra of the USA under the baton of Antonio Pappano. She performed in venues such as the BBC Proms in Royal Albert Hall, the Elbphilharmonie, Young Euro Classic in Konzerthaus Berlin, the Concertgebouw, Edinburgh International Festival, Tanglewood Music Festival, Caramoor International Music Festival, Bowdoin International Music Festival, Chicago Symphony Hall, and Carnegie Hall.

In 2020, Valentina began conducting by taking private lessons from Gregory Cardi and Camilo Tellez at the University of Miami. In order to practice conducting, she created her own philharmonic orchestra, which rehearses regularly and plays advanced repertoire. With this orchestra, she began to learn conducting until beginning to attend masterclasses. In 2021, Valentina studied with Jorma Panula in Finland, Carl St.Clair and James Edward Ross in Virginia, and currently studies with Cecilia Espinosa (EAFIT Medellin, Colombia). Additionally, in 2022, Valentina participated as a conducting fellow with the Georgia Symphony Orchestra, along with assisting rehearsals and conducting concerts with the Greater Miami Youth Symphony. Valentina is very passionate about music education, and created *Through the Staff*, a non-profit organization that provides free private music lessons to young students from underprivileged families.