

## **Sarah Thomas, violinist**

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Violinist Sarah Thomas performs and teaches in the Baltimore area, and is committed to engaging the community through music in fresh and exciting ways.

Recently, Sarah's musical journey has included appearing on the Evolution Contemporary Music Series, performing in Peabody Conservatory's new music ensemble Now Hear This, and recording for singer/songwriter Dave LeMieux at Ardent Studios. A chamber music enthusiast, Sarah works and performs with over a dozen groups each year, in projects ranging from Beethoven Violin Sonatas to string quartet premieres. Sarah has performed with the prestigious Ensemble Klang and worked with composers Oscar Bettison, Anna Clyne, Georg Friedrich Haas, and Julia Wolfe. When in her hometown of Memphis, TN, Sarah can be found collaborating with old friends on new projects, programming creative recitals, having chamber music parties, and working with violin students.

At Peabody, Sarah worked for two years as a Site Coordinator for The Creative Access, a community involvement program that forms partnerships with retirement homes, shelters, and hospitals in the Baltimore area, regularly presenting concerts for their residents and patients. Sarah is also a member of the newly formed Peabody String Sinfonia, a group of students and alumni who perform enthusiastic concerts in the community - where life is. An invested violin teacher, Sarah teaches lessons, group classes, and chamber music privately and at The Chamber Encounters Music Academy.

Sarah was the winner of the Beethoven Club Young Artists Competition, a finalist in the MasterWorks Festival Concerto Competition, and recipient of the Evergreen House Foundation Scholarship and the Artistic Excellence Award at Peabody. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Violin Performance at The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University with Violaine Melançon, after receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Violin Performance at Peabody this May. In Sarah's free time, you can usually find her drinking coffee, diving into a good book, going on a walk, or having long conversations with friends.