

My name is Mariana Molano and I'm fourteen years old. I've been playing viola for six years and counting, music is a large part of my life. Even before I was born, my parents would play mozart for me in the womb. When I was a toddler my mother said that I loved to sing even if I didn't know the words. I've always had a keyboard in my room whether I had known how to play it or not. I know a few of the basics since I would play around with it sometimes. When I was eight years old, my mother put me into the Miami Children's Chorus (MCC). There I learned how to read music and sing it. My knowledge of music increased dramatically in my three years at MCC and I am forever thankful. In my third year there however, I began to attend the GMYS preparatory class for violin. When I received my "violin", my instructors discovered it was actually a viola but I still learned how to play reading treble clef (with the other violins). Unfortunately, my schedule for viola and chorus began to collide and I was forced to quit chorus. From there my journey with the viola has blossomed and it has taken me to many places. I have played with the GMYS orchestras and gone to their summer camps for six years. Outside of GMYS, I have had private lessons, and played in Arvida Middle School's intermediate and advanced orchestras. At arvida I have done gigs, participated at MPA and solo and ensemble, taken band class, made it into honors orchestra, taken dance for two years, and performed in competitions like Orlando Fest and Festival Disney. Other than arvida I have also been in the UM frost school of music summer camp, and their mentoring program for two years. This year I was accepted into Coral Reef Senior High Schools orchestra magnet, participated in New World School of the Arts viola fest, and am in MusicAll's Orpheus string chamber group with mrs. Vivian Ventura. The GMYS program has done alot for me, and I hope it will continue on for the millenas to come.