## **Emilija Kortus – biography:**



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Emilija Kortus was born on June 23rd, 1994 in Toronto, Canada. She is studying violin in the master class of Prof. Carolin Widmann at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" in Leipzig. She received her primary, secondary and academic music education in Belgrade, Serbia. At the first national competition for young violinists "Societe Generale Serbia", Emilija won the first price in the category up to 15 years. In year 2010 she was awarded the fifth time with the first price at the National Music Competition. She began her studies in 2011 at the University of Arts in Belgrade and took part in the International Competition "Jeunessess Musicales". She visited a master class with David Takeno in the Netherlands and was invited to the International Competition for Violin of the Hohenlohe Cultural Foundation in Kloster Schöntal. Emilija Kortus gave concerts in the Netherlands, Serbia and Germany. Since 2010 she is member of the chamber orchestra "St. George Strings".