<u>Alexandra Lomeiko – Short Biography (300 words)</u>

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In 2006, Alexandra moved to London to study at the Purcell School of Music. Since then, she has been broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in venues including Queen Elizabeth Hall, Barbican Hall and Wigmore Hall. A laureate of numerous competitions, Alex has won the Purcell Concerto Competition (2008), the "Best String Player Award" at the Gisborne International Music Competition (2012), Province of Terni Soloist Award from Associazione Mozart Italia (2014), Kenneth Loveland Gift Award, U.K (2016) and the Development Prize at the Michael Hill International Violin Competition.

Alexandra is also a very avid chamber musician performing regularly with her duo partner, Latvian pianist Antonina Suhanova, both in the U.K and abroad. As an orchestral musician Alexandra is a member of the Russian Virtuosi of Europe, casual performer for the Oxford Philomusica, the London Symphony Orchestra with whom she collaborates through her placement on the LSO String Scheme and most recently she has been offered a place on the BBC Symphony Orchestras Pathway Scheme. In 2013, Alexandra founded the self-directed string orchestra known as Silk Street Sinfonia which is scheduled for many upcoming performances throughout Europe

She is a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal College of Music where she was a Lark Scholar supported by scholarships from the Martin Music, Leverhulme and Countess of Munster and Hattori Foundations. Alexandra plays on a violin made by Francesco Maurizi of Appignano, c.1850.

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