

Yixuan Lai short bio (June 2026)

Yixuan Lai is a violinist, violist, educator, and emerging conductor currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Arizona, where she studies violin with Dr. Elena Chernova-Davis and orchestral conducting with Dr. Thomas Cockrell. Her recent collaborations include museums, libraries, galleries, and community organizations throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and California. Dedicated to connecting music with education and community engagement, Yixuan develops interdisciplinary programs that combine live performance, storytelling, cultural exploration, and audience participation. She has performed with the Atlantic Music Festival Orchestra, Brevard Music Center Orchestra, Texas Festival Orchestra, and Tianjin Juilliard Orchestra.