

22-year-old violist MingYu Hsu was born in New Taipei City, Taiwan. She just graduated with her Bachelor's degree from the Curtis Institute of Music as a student of Professor Hsin-Yun Huang, and will join the Kansas City Symphony as their newly-appointed principal viola this September. Ms. Hsu started studying viola at the age of 10 at Gu-Ting elementary School under Yachi Huang, The Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan normal university under Jui-Se Yang. She was accepted to Curtis in 2014 at the age of 13.

MingYu has performed internationally, including in the United States, Germany, Switzerland, England, Japan and Taiwan. She has won various competitions, including 1st prize in The American Protégé International Concerto Competition, third prize at The Philadelphia Orchestra Albert M. Greenfield Competition, the "Pennycress Trust Bursaries" prize at The 12th Lionel Tertis International Viola Competition, and 1st prize at the Taipei Culture Cup, The 7th Asia Pacific Cup of Taipei, the Taipei City Music Competition for Viola Solo of Southern District, and the National Music Competition for Viola Solo. She is also a recipient of the Chimei Museum Arts Award, and the International Pacing Art Culture Education Foundation Rising Stars Scholarship.