MAias Alyamani, violinist and composer, began his professional musical career as a solo violinist in 2000. His performances include the traditional classical repertoire and other musical genres, including his personal compositions.

MAias had a master degree from Vienna University of Music, majoring in violin performance with special focus on Composition.

During his studies he won the Competition of *Vienna University of Music*, and participated in the international *Paganini* Competition in Italy. He was the only Arab ever to participate in these competitions.

He was a member of *Südbahnhof* Band in Vienna. The band is still performing in Europe and it was a finalist at the *World Music Awards* which took place in Vienna 2007.

In 2006, *MAias* established the ensemble *MAqam* in Vienna, specializing in classical arabic music. The ensemble is a big success in Austria and neighbouring countries, <u>www.maqamensemblecom</u> www.youtub.com/maqamchannel

and he is member of the *Damascus Festival Chamber Players* ensemble, which focuses on contemporary arabic music.

Sub-principle of the 2nd violin section in Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra since 2008

Over 40 of his instrumental compositions were performed by Symphonic orchestras, jazz bands and other ensembles in Europe and the Middle East like: Inauguration of Opera House in Damascus 2004, International Violin Meeting in Amman in 2004, The tour of SNSO in Italy 2005, Arabic Architecture Exhibition in Damascus 2006, Donau Festival in Vienna 2007, ORF Cultural Festival in Vienna 2008, Gala concerts with Syrian National Symphonic Orchestra in Damascus 2009 and 2010, Opening VIP Event regarding Doha Capital of aArab Culture 2010 in Doha, first chamber music festival in Doha 2010.

He made a large amount of solo recordings for film music, music bands, live theatre and TV shows soundtracks.

He has four music albums: music album with the Opec Orchestra for Violin and Orchestra, Chamber music album with DFCP, Ethno music album with Suedbahnhof "Best of Ost Club2008", MA album with MAqam "Live at Aspire Hall2010".

He plays the (Georg Klotz) Violin

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