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Music will always be part of her

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Laila Haight has already done a lot in her young career.

The 17-year-old classical violinist and pianist has trained at the Young Artists Performance Academy of the Glenn Gould School of Music in Toronto and performed with a variety of orchestras and symphonies in southern Ontario.

But this Saturday, the Gr. 12 Glenview Park Secondary School student will take a big step and perform her first solo recital.

Haight is proficient on both violin and piano. Violin was her first love — she started learning it when she was four years old. She took up piano when she was eight.

She admits she's nervous about the performance, which will be held at Wesley United Church at 7 p.m. And while she might have a few jitters, she's also excited



Laila Haight will perform on piano and violin at Wesley United Church in Galt on Saturday.

about the chance to play in front of her friends and family.

"I love music. It's a big part of my life," Haight said.

But what about those nerves? Haight said she has an easy way to deal with them.

"I'm just going to prac-

tice. A lot."

In fact, that's the extent of her plan for the near future. Haight will graduate from high school in June

and is planning to take a year off to focus on her music career.

After that, she hopes to study music at university. And if that's her goal, she'll have to get used to solo performances.

"That's how they do it at university," she said.

Haight doesn't have her whole plan worked out, but knows music will be part of her future just as it's been part of her whole life so far.

"I don't really know what I want to do (in the future), but I want music to be a part of whatever I do," she said.

But Haight's life isn't just music. She's also active at her church and will be heading to Peru to take part in mission work.

"I'm going to be volunteering with an orphanage. It's very exciting."

Catch Haight's show this Saturday at the Wesley United Church is located at 6 Cambridge St. in Galt.

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