



Valentina (Val) Chen is a sixteen-year-old violinist from New Jersey studying with Sheryl Staples at The Juilliard School's Pre-College Division. She attends Princeton Day School.

Val made her orchestral debut at age twelve as the first-prize winner of the Camerata Orchestra of New Jersey's concerto competition. She has since appeared as soloist with the Riverside Orchestra in New York City and the Juilliard Pre-College Symphony, earning concerto competition prizes for both engagements.

Her competition record includes first-prize wins in the Atlántida Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition, the New Jersey MTNA Student Performance Competition, the VIVO International Music Competition, the Prima Volta Music Competition, and the Northeast Music Teachers Association Competition. She also won the Gold Prize at the Vienna International Music Competition and third place in the Grace Gimbal Scholarship Competition.

Val has performed at some of New York City's most distinguished venues, including Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall at the Kaufman Music Center, Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater, and Peter Jay Sharp Theater. In April 2026, she will perform at the National Auditorium of Music in Madrid as the first-prize winner of the Atlántida Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition.

Since 2023, Val has been a member of the Perlman Music Program, where she studies with Itzhak Perlman and Catherine Cho during the summer. Outside of music, she enjoys reading, swimming, and spending time with her dog.