MY FAVORITE GYMNAST

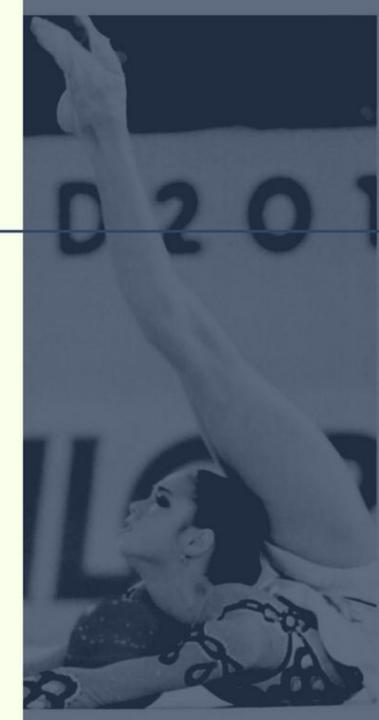


RUSSIAN TV SHOW HOST, SOCIALITE, AND FORMER INDIVIDUAL RHYTHMIC GYMNAST

She was a two time Grand Prix Final all-around medalist. Now,
Utiasheva is working as a successful businesswoman, founder of the online project «Sila Voli», one of the Ambassadors of the 2018 FIFA World Cup and a mother of two children.

CAREER

Utiasheva's breakthrough came in 2001 when she placed third at the Russian Championships. She then competed at the 2001 World Cup in Berlin and won gold medals in Allaround and the individual apparatus finals in clubs, ball, rope and hoop. At the 2001 World Games in Akita, Japan, Utiasheva won four silver medals behind teammate Irina Tchachina in event finals for rope, hoop, ball and clubs. Utiasheva won the all-around silver medal at the 2001 Grand Prix Final in Deventer, she also won 2 gold medals in the apparatus finals in clubs and rope.





PERSONAL LIFE

Laysan Utiasheva was born to a
Bashkir mother named Zulfi Utyasheva,
and a father of mixed Russian, Polish,
and Volga Tatar descent named
Albert Utyashev. She converted to
Orthodox Christianity from Islam. She
married Russian actor and comedian
Pavel Volya, with whom she has a son,
Robert, born in Miami, Florida. She
gave birth to a daughter, Sofiya, in
Summer 2015.

