



Orchestral Music Program

Stacey Woolley, Violin

A native of Cincinnati, Stacey Woolley began studying violin while in the seventh grade. He spent five years in the Cincinnati Youth Symphony Orchestra, the last two years as concertmaster, and toured Europe with the ensemble in 1977. Stacey attended Tanglewood in the summer of 1979, working with Leonard Bernstein and Boston Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Joseph Silverstein, with whom he studied at Boston University from 1979 - 1981. From 1981 - 1983, Stacey studied with Dorothy Delay and Kurt Sassmannshaus at CCM, University of Cincinnati, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance, summa cum laude.

Prior to completing his undergraduate work, Stacey won a position in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and performed with the DSO from 1984 - 1989. Since 1989, Stacey has been a member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He has taught at Wayne State University and the Institute For Creative Studies, (Detroit), and CCM, Miami University, and, for nine years, Cedarville University (Ohio). Stacey has been presented as a soloist with both the DSO and CSO and has made several commercial recordings of chamber music featuring the concert works of composers associated with the Golden Age of Hollywood film scores. He is active as a private teacher and chamber music performer, and is a member of the Cincinnati MacDowell Society, a group that has been dedicated to supporting the arts and letters since 1913.

Availability: Tuesdays and possibly Fridays from 4pm-7pm at Cincinnati Classical Academy. Monday times may be possible as well and lessons in Clifton are also possible.

Rates: \$60/hr, \$30 half hour. Group classes would be \$10 per student if 6 students, \$5 per student if 12 students, etc. (divide the hourly rate by the number of students enrolled in group classes)

Contact information: korngoldfan@yahoo.com 513-702-4498

Other information: Stacey is best suited to teach older students (4th grade and above) and more advanced students. K-3 beginning students should take lessons with Rachel Lee since she's trained in the Suzuki method which is a great way to get younger students started.

Rachel Lee, Violin

Rachel began her violin studies at the age of 8 and earned a Bachelors, Masters and Doctor of Musical Arts degree in violin performance at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music where she studied with Dr. Won-Bin Yim. Rachel has been a member of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra since 2016 and performs regularly with other professional orchestras in the Cincinnati area including the Ohio Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra. She is a certified Suzuki Violin

Teacher and has taught private violin lessons since 2007, including 4 years of teaching at Harrison Elementary School.

Availability: Cincinnati Classical schedule TBD based on teacher/student schedules, also teaches at Bridgetown Church of Christ on the West Side and in Clifton

Rates: \$30 a half hour, \$55 an hour, group classes/lessons \$10 per child with a 6-child minimum

Contact information: rachel.elizabeth192@gmail.com

Other information: Rachel can teach violin students of all ages and abilities as well as beginning viola students if Rebekah Edwards is not available. Rachel is trained in the Suzuki method which makes her a great choice to teach the youngest K-3 students.

Rebekah Edwards, Viola

Rebekah Edwards has held positions with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, was principal violist of the Charlotte Symphony, and most recently has been a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she studied with Mark Jackobs and Robert Vernon of the Cleveland Orchestra. Mrs. Edwards has toured with the London Philharmonic in England and to the Netherlands in 2011, the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra to China in 2013, with the Pittsburgh Symphony on their 2016 European tour, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra to Carnegie Hall and Canada in 2017. She has participated in numerous summer music festivals and has a passion for performing and coaching chamber music.

Availability: Wednesdays or Thursdays after school

Rates: \$60 per hour, \$30 per half hour lessons. Chamber music coaching/group lessons - divide hourly rate by number of students enrolled

Contact information: newmanrebekah85@gmail.com (216) 630-0035

Other information: Rebekah is best suited to teach more advanced students as well as beginning students in the 4th grade or older. She is also available to coach chamber music ensembles.

Jacqueline Pegis, Cello

Jacqueline Pegis has appeared as a soloist with the Louisville Symphony Orchestra, the Dayton Philharmonic and with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and CSYO in 2017 as a prize for winning the annual CSYO Concerto Competition. Pegis has competed in many concerto competitions and has been awarded first place in the senior division of the Cincinnati Young Artists Concerto Competition twice in addition to being a finalist and receiving honorable mentions in numerous other local and national competitions.

She is currently serving as Principal Cellist in the CCM Philharmonia while she finishes her undergraduate degree as a Cello Performance major at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Prior to college she was the Principal Cello of the Cincinnati Youth Symphony Orchestra and associate principal of the Cincinnati Junior Strings Orchestra. Additionally, Pegis has taken part in many summer music festivals [including the Interlochen Arts Academy, Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival, Encore Festival, Heifetz International Music Institute, Suzuki workshops, and Cincinnati Young Artists Cello and Chamber Music Festival.

Availability: Thursdays 3-5pm for a group class/lessons at the Cincinnati Classical Academy
Saturdays 1-5pm in Mason for private lessons

Rates: \$25 for 30 minutes, \$40 for an hour lesson, Group classes of 7+ students \$10 per student (higher rate if less students)

Contact information: pegisjl@mail.uc.edu (513) 917-2041

Kimberly Russ Olka, Piano

Pianist Kimberly Russ celebrates a diverse musical career. Before moving to Cincinnati in 2016, she spent fourteen years as the Resident Pianist for the Seattle Symphony at the invitation of Maestro Gerard Schwarz. Additionally, Ms. Russ has appeared as Principal Keyboard for the nationally televised PBS series, All Star Orchestra. She is continually in demand as soloist and orchestral pianist, performing with Cincinnati Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Kentucky Symphony, and Lexington Philharmonic among others. An active recording artist, Kimberly can be heard on numerous recordings and on WGUC.

Ms. Russ is the Founder and Director of Harmony for Heroes, a non-profit chamber music outreach program for our veterans, military, and their families. Harmony for Heroes is inspired by her son, a former enlisted Marine who served as a Combat Engineer in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and who is currently serving as a United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant.

Availability: Tuesdays 3-6:30pm, possibly Thursdays during the same timeframe depending on demand at Cincinnati Classical Academy

Rates: \$75 per hour, \$37.50 per half hour

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