



## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS 2023-24

Cincinnati Classical Academy is pleased to have such distinguished and accomplished musicians who are available to teach private lessons to our students at Classical. See below for more information about their background, experience, and availability. Please note that registration for private lessons is not through Final Forms. Please contact the individual instructors to arrange private lessons, which will take place after-school, on campus.

### **MS. KIMBERLY RUSS | Piano**

**Contact info:** [kimberlyrussolka@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyrussolka@gmail.com) (206) 419-5672

**Availability:** Mondays and Wednesdays after school

**Rate:** \$40 per half hour

**Additional info:** Rate includes group classes and regular recitals

### **MS. RACHEL LEE | Violin & Viola (Grades K-3)**

**Contact info:** [rachel.elizabeth192@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.elizabeth192@gmail.com)

**Availability:** Tuesdays after school

**Rate:** Private lessons: \$30 a half hour, \$55 an hour; Groups classes: \$15/week if not doing private lessons, or \$10 per week if taking private lessons

**Additional info:** Ms. Lee can teach violin and viola students of all ages and abilities. She is trained in the Suzuki method which makes her an ideal teacher for getting the youngest students (K-3) started.

### **MR. STACEY WOOLEY | Violin (Grade 4-7)**

**Contact info:** [korngoldfan@yahoo.com](mailto:korngoldfan@yahoo.com) (513) 702-4498

**Availability:** Tuesdays after school

**Grades:** 4-7

**Rate:** \$60 per hour, \$30 per half hour. Group classes would be \$10 per student if 6 students, \$5 per student if 12 students, etc.

### **MS. REBEKAH EDEWARDS | Viola (Grades 4-7)**

**Contact info:** [newmanrebekah85@gmail.com](mailto:newmanrebekah85@gmail.com) (216) 630-0035

**Availability:** Wednesdays and Thursdays after school

**Rate:** \$60/hr, \$30 per half hour lessons. Chamber music coaching / group lessons - just divide her hourly rate by the number of kids enrolled

**Additional info:** Ms. Edwards is also available to coach chamber music ensembles.

### **MS. JACQUELINE PEGIS | Cello**

**Contact info:** [pegisjl@mail.uc.edu](mailto:pegisjl@mail.uc.edu) (513) 917-2041

**Availability:** Thursdays after school group classes / lessons

**Rate:** \$25 for 30 minutes, \$40 for an hour lesson, Group classes of 7+ students \$10 per student

## MUSICIAN INSTRUCTOR BIOS

### **Ms. Kimberly Russ | Piano**

Before moving to Cincinnati in 2016, Ms. Russ 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, she can be heard on numerous recordings and on WGUC.

### **Ms. Rachel Lee | Violin (Grades K-3)**

Ms. Lee earned a Bachelors, Masters and Doctor of Musical Arts in violin performance at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, where she studied with Dr. Won-Bin Yim. Ms. Lee 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 four years of teaching at Harrison Elementary School.

### **Mr. Stacey Woolley | Violin (Grades 4-7)**

Mr. Woolley, a Cincinnati native, began his violin journey in seventh grade. With a rich musical background, he served as the concertmaster in the Cincinnati Youth Symphony Orchestra and toured Europe in 1977. Mr. Woolley honed his craft through mentorships with luminaries like Leonard Bernstein and Boston Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Joseph Silverstein. He graduated summa cum laude in Violin Performance from the University of Cincinnati, and later played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. In 1989, he joined the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Woolley has an extensive teaching history at various institutions and a notable career as a soloist and chamber musician. Additionally, he is a dedicated member of the Cincinnati MacDowell Society, a century-old supporter of the arts and letters.

### **Ms. Rebekah Edwards | Viola**

Ms. Edwards has held positions with the Minnesota Orchestra, Charlotte Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, the Boston Symphony, and most recently joined the Cincinnati Chamber 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. Ms. Edwards has toured with the London Philharmonic in England and to the Netherlands in 2011, the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra to China in 2013, the Pittsburgh Symphony on their 2016 European tour, and most recently the Boston Symphony Orchestra to Carnegie Hall, Canada, Japan, and extensively in Europe. She has participated in numerous summer music festivals and is on faculty of the MasterWorks Festival. She has a passion for performing and coaching chamber music.

### **Ms. Jacqueline Pegis | Cello**

Ms. Pegis, a talented cellist, has made her mark as a soloist, performing with the Louisville Symphony Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic, and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. She clinched the coveted CSYO Concerto Competition prize in 2017. Currently pursuing a Cello Performance degree at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, Ms. Pegis serves as the Principal Cellist in the CCM Philharmonia. Her musical journey also includes leadership roles in renowned youth orchestras and participation in esteemed summer music festivals like Interlochen Arts Academy, Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival, and the Heifetz International Music Institute, among others.