

Rebekah Soued, *violinist/educator*

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Profile: Experienced violinist and educator. Loves connecting with audiences through the unspoken medium of music. Passionate about bringing music to students of all ages and backgrounds through private instruction and group classes as well as nonprofit programs in elementary and high schools. Advocate of outreach and benefit programs that brings music to a wide variety of people who would not otherwise have access to it.

Education

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY – Master of Music, Violin Pedagogy, 2021

Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO – Bachelor of Arts, Violin Performance, 2019

Berklee College of Music, Online – Professional Certificate in General Music Studies, 2015

Teachers:

Dr. Ching-Yi Lin

Dr. Brandon Christensen

Dr. Brent Williams

Select Performance Experience

Orchestral Experience

Repertoire listing available upon request

San Juan Symphony Orchestra, CO, 2022 - Present

Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, TN, 2021 – 2022

Southern Kentucky Choral Society, Concertmaster, Bowling Green, KY, 2021

Western Kentucky University Symphony, Concertmaster, 2019 – 2021

jazz improv solo, *Virtual Insanity* by Jamiroquai

concertmaster solo, *Pulcinella Suite* by Stravinsky

Paducah Symphony Orchestra, KY, 2019

San Juan Symphony, Durango, CO, 2015 – 2019

Music in the Mountains Conservatory Orchestra, Durango, CO, 2016

Evergreen Chamber Orchestra, Evergreen, CO, 2012 – 2013

Select Performances

It's a String Thing (Anvil Quartet), CO

Solo Recital with Mika Inouye, CO

Kristen Hicks Graduate Conducting Recital, Co-Concertmaster, WKU

A Midsummer's Night Concert, Silverton, CO

Durango Bach Festival, CO

Beethoven Festival Recital, Durango, CO

Anacrusis Quartet, Durango, CO

Fall Colors Chamber Music Fest, Silverton, CO

Fort Lewis College String Ensemble, Colorado Music Educators Association Conference, Colorado Springs, CO

Pan-American Ensemble, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

Community Services/Fundraising Events

BBQ and Bach, Tullahoma, TN

Vi at Highlands Care Center, Highlands Ranch, CO

Gala in the Mountains, Silverton, CO

Life Care Center, Evergreen, CO

Teaching Experience

Rebekah Soued Violin Studio, 2021 – present

- Instructs violin students ages 6 –85, ranging in ability level from beginning to advanced
- Teaches in person at The Smiley Building, Silverton School, and online using the Zoom platform
- Uses the methods of Suzuki, Paul Rolland, and Mimi Zweig to ensure students have a multi-faceted approach to developing solid technique
- Strives to inspire students to develop a lifelong love for the violin and connect the learning of music to many facets of life
- Prepares students for solo recitals
- Leads weekly group classes, giving students a chance to play for/with their peers and develop an understanding of music theory

Western Kentucky University, Pre-College Strings Program, 2019 – 2021

- Taught private violin/viola lessons and group classes, using Suzuki method alongside teaching philosophies of Mimi Zweig and Paul Rolland
- Ensured beginning students had good setup, in order to create a solid technical foundation
- Worked with advanced students to maintain good technique, while creating beautiful music
- Was passionate about showing students they could accomplish anything through hard work and dedication
- Prepared students for group and solo performances each semester

Bridging Cultures through Music, Bowling Green, KY, 2019 – 2020

- Taught violin to English as a Second Language students, many of whom were refugees
- Employed creative lesson planning to maximize students' progress
- Tailored teaching methods and repertoire to keep students engaged
- Coordinated meaningful performances for students

Be Frank Foundation, Durango, CO 2018 – 19

- Taught two beginning orchestra classes at elementary schools through a nonprofit organization
- This program made it possible for all the local elementary schools to have orchestra programs
- Prepared students to partake in a program-wide concert, which included over 100 students

Stillwater Music, Durango, CO, 2015 – 19

- Taught young students and adult learners to play the violin and develop a love for music through private lessons
- Employed a variety of methods, including Suzuki
- Grew studio from two to over 20 students
- Students participated in festivals and youth orchestras
- Organized recitals each semester, ensuring all students had a positive performance experience

Silverton Public School, Silverton, CO, 2014 – 15

- Initiated an after-school music program, which incorporated hands on experience with musical instruments and exploring various musical genres

Honors and Awards

Honors Recital, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

Dean's List, Fort College, Durango, CO

Fort Lewis College Writing Program Outstanding Student Award
Fort Lewis College Freshman Math Program Award

Technologies

Proficient in Finale music notation software

Employment

Freelance Musician, 2016 – present

- Weddings
- Memorial services
- Dinner entertainment
- Fundraisers

Western Kentucky University, Graduate Assistant, 2019 – 2021

- Private and group teacher with the Pre-College program
- Leadership role as Concertmaster for the WKU Symphony
- Orchestra librarian
- Music office assistant

Published Works

- Bluegrass Music News, Winter 2021
Bridging Cultures with Music: Experiences in Teaching Violin to ESL Students
- Bluegrass Music News, Winter 2022
A Teachers Guide to Understanding and Teaching Music of Lebanon to Suzuki Violin Students