

Margaret A. Fiorito

Violinist

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First Violinist: Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Mina Zikri

First Violinist: Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Maestro George Stelluto

Associate Concertmaster: Wheaton Symphony Pops Orchestra, Maestro Kevin McMahon

First Violinist: Whiting Park Festival Orchestra, Maestro Robert Vodnoy

M.A. Music / Violin Pedagogy: Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

Student of David Taylor, Assistant Concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

B.M. Violin Performance: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Student of Professor Sherban Lupu, Romanian concert violinist and international pedagogue

2023-present

- Acting Assistant Concertmaster, Peoria Symphony Orchestra: Home for the Holidays, Maestro George Stelluto
- Performed with *Violins of Hope*, 43rd season finale of Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Mina Zikri
- Acting Principal Second Violin, Peoria Symphony Orchestra: Joy at the Cathedral, Maestro George Stelluto
- Acting Assistant Concertmaster, Peoria Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven Symphony IX; Maestro George Stelluto
- Guest Assistant Principal Second Violin, HFO: Homecoming with **Disney Legend Jodi Benson**, Maestro David Commanday

2020- 2022

- Acting Assistant Concertmaster, PSO: ***The Beach Boys! Tribute Concert***, Maestro George Stelluto
- Performed with **CSO Concertmaster Robert Chen** and the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Mina Zikri
- Acting Assistant Concertmaster, PSO: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*; Maestro George Stelluto
- Acting Concertmaster, PSO: *Paris: The 1920s*; Maestro George Stelluto
- Substitute first violinist with the Heartland Festival Orchestra (HFO); Maestro David Commanday
- Guest Concertmaster of Fox Valley Orchestra: *Music and Engineering; A Children's Concert*; Maestro Brian Groner

2017-2019

- **Ravinia Festival** PSO: *Leonard Bernstein: 100 Years Young*, Kids' Concert Series
- Guest first violinist with the Fox Valley Orchestra, *Broadway and the Big Screen*, Maestro Brian Groner
- **Violin soloist**: Jim Kendros' *The Enchanted Musicians*; newly commissioned work for the NSO
- Contract **first violinist position** with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO); Maestro George Stelluto

2015-2017

- Performed with lyric soprano **Audra McDonald** while beginning substitute work with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra
- Contract **Associate Concertmaster position** of the Wheaton Symphony Orchestra; Maestro Kevin McMahon
- Substitute violinist with the New Philharmonic and Northwest Indiana Symphony; Maestro Kirk Muspratt

2014-present

- Private violin instructor: District 204 at Neuqua Valley High School & District 203 at Naperville North High School
- Contract **first violinist position** with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra (NSO); Maestro Lawrence Rapchak

2011-2013

- Performed the music of Scriabin, Liszt and Strauss in OPRF Symphony rehearsals with
Maestro Riccardo Muti, Music Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Violinist with The Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest by special request from
Maestro Jay Friedman, Principal Trombonist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Began leading violin master classes in suburban schools & created a private violin studio in Naperville, IL

2005-2010:

- Substitute violinist with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra; Maestro Guillermo Figueroa
- Violinist in the 2006 National Repertory Orchestra (professional summer festival orchestra); Maestro Carl Topilow
- Substitute first violinist with the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra of Oklahoma
- **Soloist**: Vaughn-Williams' *The Lark Ascending* - Pine Mountain Symphony of Arizona; Maestro Benjamin Schoening
- Professional musician & outstanding UIUC alum to perform in Bulgaria for the ten-year reunion tour of *Balkanalia*
- Substitute Assistant Principal Second violinist in the El Paso Symphony Orchestra of Texas; Maestro Sarah Ioannides
- Substitute violinist in the Tulsa Opera Company of Oklahoma; Maestros Carol Crawford & Kostis Protopapas
- First violinist with Opera Southwest; Maestro Anthony Barrese

2002-2004:

- Accepted on Master's scholarship at Northeastern Illinois University; graduated with honors: M.A. in Violin Pedagogy
- Became the first NEIU student to study with **Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assistant Concertmaster, David Taylor**
- Chicago area professional orchestral ensembles: Illinois Philharmonic, Northwest Indiana Symphony, Rockford Symphony, Chicago Chamber Orchestra & Chicago Sinfonietta
- Performed with *Three Mo' Tenors: Cook, Dixon & Young* on Chicago's Fox Network
- One out of 20 violinists accepted at the Henry Mancini Music Institute at UCLA
- Performed with legendary *Tonight Show* trumpet player, **Doc Severinsen** and pianist / composer **Burt Bacharach**
- Substitute violinist with Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra; Maestro Steven Smith

- Contract violinist with the San Juan Symphony Orchestra in Durango, Colorado

1997- 2002:

- Completed summer violin orchestral studies in Kyiv and Lviv, Ukraine
- Served as **guest Assistant Concertmaster with the Kiev Radio Symphony, Anatoly Bazhenov, Concertmaster**
- Concertmaster of the *Protégé Philharmonic Youth Orchestra* in Chicago, Joseph Glymph, Music Director
- Principal Second Violin of the *Classical Symphony College Orchestra* in Chicago, Joseph Glymph, Music Director
- Accepted into the violin studio of Professor Sherban Lupu at the UIUC School of Music
- Won the **Thomas J. Smith Music Scholarship Competition** (A full tuition scholarship at the University of Illinois)
- Completed summer violin studies from 1998-2002 at music schools in Poland, Romania, Italy, Switzerland & Germany
- Invited to play with UIUC's *Enescu Ensemble*
- Romanian Folk Violin Soloist with the University of Illinois' resident Balkan Ensemble, *Balkanalia*
- Appointed first violinist of UIUC undergraduate string quartet; performed for members of the ***Kronos Quartet***
- Served as Assistant Principal Second Violin with UIUC Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Donald Schleicher
- Performed Bartók's *Contrasts for Violin, Clarinet and Piano*