

## **Dr. Marilyn Seeman**

Dr. Marilyn Seelman is Music Director/Conductor of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra of Atlanta. She received her Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting from the University of Miami-Coral Gables, Florida and her Master of Music in Viola from Boston University. She has held the position of Director of Orchestras and violist at Trinity University in San Antonio, The University of New Mexico-Albuquerque and Georgia State University. From 1999 to 2003 she was Music Director and Conductor of the Georgia Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra, a fully professional chamber orchestra made up of leading performers in the greater Atlanta area.

Dr. Seelman has served as an All-State Conductor in Georgia, Tennessee, Alaska, Colorado and Florida. In addition she was on the conducting faculty of the Interlochen Arts Camp in 2009 and 2010. She has presented viola master classes at The University of Colorado-Boulder, Vanderbilt University, American String Teachers' Association National Conventions, and in Nanjing, China along with presenting sessions on viola pedagogy and string pedagogy at many professional meetings.

Dr. Seelman is a Past-President of the Georgia Chapter of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) and recently served on the National Board of ASTA as Publications Chair and the 2011 National Solo Competition Chair. She is also on the advisory board of the El Sistema based program, The Atlanta Music Project. Under her leadership, the Metropolitan Youth Symphony of Atlanta has performed at New York's Carnegie Hall, Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and Georgia Music Educators' Conference in Savannah. In addition, at the invitation of the US-China Cultural and Educational Foundation, in 2006, MYSO performed in Beijing, Nanjing, and Shanghai and in 2008 gave performances in Budapest, Vienna, and Prague. More recently, in 2012, the orchestra toured and performed in Costa Rica.

Dr. Seelman taught music education at Georgia State University for seven years and now maintains an active viola studio, adjudicate festivals, conducts, and gives clinics throughout the United States and abroad.