

Ava Shedd, Violin

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EDUCATION

Indiana University, Jacob's School of Music
Master of Music in Violin Performance
Jacobs Music Funds
Performance Fellowship

Bloomington, IN
Projected May 2027

University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music - GPA 3.8
Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance
CCM Honors Scholarship
Dieterle Scholarship
Dumler Award
Dorothy Anne Riddinger Scholar
Stecker Century Scholarship
S Smith Scholarship

Cincinnati, OH
May 2025

SUMMER FESTIVALS

Brevard Music Center	Brevard, NC	2025
Sarasota Music Festival	Sarasota, FL	2024
Miami Beach Classical Music Festival	Miami Beach, FL	2024
Ascent International Chamber Music Festival	Cincinnati, OH	2023
Heifetz International Chamber Music Festival	Online (due to Covid-19)	2020
Meadowmount School of Music	Westport, NY	2019
Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival	Burlington, VT	2018
Hampton Roads Chamber Players Camp	Norfolk, VA	2017

MASTERCLASSES

Jinjoo Cho - 2017
Elizabeth Fayette - 2017
Sandi Cameron - 2018
Randall Goosby - 2023
Cho-Liang Lin - 2023
Alexi Kenney - 2023
New York Phil Quartet - 2023
Margaret Batjer - 2024
Jennifer Frautschi - 2024
Benjamin Beilman - 2024
Gil Shaham - 2025
Maria Ioudenitch - 2025
Rita Sloan - 2025

COACHES

Mark Gibson
Sandra Rivers
Ixi Chen
Sheila Brown
Jan Gruning
Yura Lee
Margaret Karp
Karlos Rodriguez
Tracy Rowell
Michael Chertock
Amit Even-Tov
Alexandra Kazovsky
Nick Photinos

CONDUCTORS

Robert Gillespie
Paul Kim
Benjamin Rous
Helen Martell
Eric Jacobsen
JoAnn Falletta
Thomas Wilkins
Keith Lockhart
Chloé Van Soeterstède
Mei-Ann Chen
Mark Gibson
Stephanie Childress
Jeffrey Kahane

Pacifica Quartet - 2025

Jennifer Frautschi

Vahn Armstrong

Jorge Aguirre

Austin Hartman

Aik Khai Pung

Isaac Selya

Melisse Brunet

Andres Lopera

William R. Langley

Constantine Kitsopoulos

Fawzi Haimor

PRINCIPAL TEACHERS

Pavel Ilyashov; 2014-2021

Yun Zhang; 2020-2021

Dr. Won-Bin Yim; 2021-2025

Grigory Kalinovsky; 2025-present

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Terre Haute, IN* 2025-present

Lexington Philharmonic, Section Violin, *Lexington, KY* 2025-present

Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Assistant Principal 2nd Violin, *Columbus, IN* 2025-present

Carmel Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Carmel, IN* 2025-present

New World Symphony, sub list, *Miami, FL* 2025-present

Dayton Philharmonic, substitute, *Dayton, OH* 2025-present

CCM Philharmonia, Assistant Concertmaster, *Cincinnati, OH* 2023-2024

Richmond (IN) Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Richmond, IN* 2023-present

1 year contracted positions, 2024-2025; 2025-2026

Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Newport, KY* 2023-2024

Virginia Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Norfolk, VA* 2022-present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stafford Music Academy Violin and Piano Teacher Bloomington, IN 2025-present

Taught private students in the studies of piano and violin

Organized lesson material to consist of a balance in technique and musicality

Cincinnati Strings Violin and Piano Teacher Cincinnati, OH 2023-2025

Traveled to student's homes to teach violin and piano lessons at their residence

Structured lessons to consist of review and new material every week

Registered Suzuki Instructor with the Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA) in Violin Books 1-3

LEADERSHIP

- Violin Society at CCM (treasurer) 2023-2025
- Organized the finances and funding requests for the club
 - Met with the advisor of the organization frequently to discuss plans for masterclasses
 - Worked directly with the University of Cincinnati to put together meetings and special events
- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at UC (student leader) 2022-2025
- Held weekly bible studies with girls on campus
 - Organized events for meeting people and helped with Welcome Week activities
 - Met up with girls one-on-one to help disciple and mentor them consistently
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COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- Winner - Bay Youth Concert Orchestra Concerto - February 2014
 - Winner - York River Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition - March 2017
 - Winner - Hampton Roads Philharmonic - May 2017
 - All-VA Orchestra - February 2018; 6th Chair
 - Winner - Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition - Fall 2018
 - Winner - Hampton Roads Philharmonic Young Artist Competition - Fall 2018
 - Winner - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Gamma Xi Chapter Talent Hunt - March 2019
 - Winner - Lions of Virginia Bland Music Scholarship Competition (Chapter level—February 2020, Sub-District Level - July 2020, 2nd place at State Level - \$2000 College Scholarship - August 2020)
 - Concertmaster - All-VA Orchestra - February 2020
 - Winner - Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition - Fall 2020
 - Winner - CCM Violin Competition - February 2022
 - Winner - CCM Violin Competition - February 2024
 - Honorable Mention - Matinee Musicale Nancy Walker Scholarship Competition - March 2024
 - 1st Place Winner - Matinee Musicale Nancy Walker Scholarship Competition - March 2025
 - Winner - Jan and Beattie Wood Concerto Competition - July 2025
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CONCERTO PERFORMANCES

- Performed *Scene de Ballet* by de Beriot with the Bay Youth Concert Orchestra in February 2014
- Performed *Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2 1st movement* with the York River Symphony Orchestra in March 2017
- Performed *Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2 1st movement* with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic on May 21, 2017
- Performed *Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Op. 35 3rd movement* with the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra on February 12, 2019
- Performed *Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Op. 35 3rd movement* with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic in March 2019

Performed *Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor 1st movement* with the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra on June 2, 2021

Performed *Rimsky-Korsakov Fantasia on a Russian Theme* with the CCM Concert Orchestra on March 8, 2022

Performed *Korngold's Violin Concerto in D major Op. 35* with the CCM Concert Orchestra on March 5, 2024

Performed *Barber Violin Concerto Op. 14 1st movement* with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra on July 27, 2025

RECITALS

Performed at Terrific Teen Talent Recital in Smithfield, VA in August 2018 (Sponsored by Sundays at Four) - *Bach Sarabande from Partita No. 2; Tchaikovsky Concerto in D Major 3rd movement*

Performed a solo recital consisting of works by *Lalo, J.S. Bach, Beethoven* and *Ravel* at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, OH on April 15, 2022 and at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA on May 13, 2022.

Performed a recital consisting of works by *J.S. Bach* and *Mendelssohn* at Church of Our Savior in Cincinnati, OH on November 19, 2022

Performed a solo recital consisting of works by *Bruch, Lutoslawski*, and *Sarasate* at Church of Our Savior in Cincinnati, OH on April 10, 2023

Performed a solo recital consisting of works by *Korngold* and *Brahms* in Werner Recital Hall in Cincinnati, OH on December 1, 2023

Performed a solo recital consisting of works by *Bruch* and *Schubert* in Watson Hall in Cincinnati, OH on October 23, 2024

Performed *Ravel Tzigane M. 76* at the Matinee Musicale Scholarship Winner Luncheon on April 16, 2025

CHAMBER RECITALS

Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Debussy* in 3250 at CCM in Cincinnati, OH on November 30, 2022

Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Schoenfield* in Werner Recital Hall in Cincinnati, OH on November 8, 2023

Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Ravel* and *Brahms* in Werner Recital Hall in Cincinnati, OH on November 9, 2023

Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Brahms* in Watson Recital Hall in Cincinnati, OH on December 3, 2024

Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Coleridge-Taylor* and *Mozart* in Werner Recital Hall in Cincinnati, OH on April 1, 2025

Performed a senior chamber recital consisting of works by *Barber, Donizetti, Renie, Dohnanyi* and *Sarasate* in 3250 at CCM in Cincinnati, OH on April 15, 2025

NEW MUSIC

<i>In Memoriam</i>	Andrew Strawn	commissioned for my string quartet	October 24, 2023
<i>Folk Song</i>	Andrew Strawn	commissioned by myself and Emma Joyce	April 9, 2024
<i>BE STILL</i>	Andrew Strawn	commissioned by Celeste Lau	April 20, 2025
<i>String Trio in E</i>	R. Burtner	New Music Ensemble Work Study at BMC	August 1, 2025
<i>III Eventide</i>	Chris Chiarotti	New Music Ensemble Work Study at BMC	August 1, 2025

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA)	Member	2024-present
American Federation of Musicians (AFM)	Member	2025-present

RECORDING PROJECTS

<i>Crow Heist</i> - Brenden Wood	Video Game scoring session	Fall 2025
Violin ensemble role/Solo Violin role		
<i>Hal Leonard Publishing Company</i>	String arrangements for school catalogue	Fall 2025
Violin ensemble		

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

City Six Strings	Freelance Violinist	2023-present
Performs as a violinist for weddings and other gigs as needed		
Ghent CareGivers	Part-Time and On-Call Nanny	2022-2023
Provided full time child care for children		
Followed instructions given by the parents regarding special directions for the child's care		
P. F. Changs	Hostess	2023-2025
Answered phone calls and placed take out orders		
Directed guests to their designated tables in the dining room		
Maintained a clean dining room and made sure all items were always restocked		

REFERENCES

Won-Bin Yim, Violin Professor - Former violin professor
 University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) (retired)
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Mark Gibson, Music Director of Orchestral Studies - Former mentor and conductor

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