Ava Shedd, *Violin*

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EDUCATION

Indiana University, Jacob's School of Music — Bloomington, IN
Master of Music in Violin Performance — In progress
- Jacobs Music Funds
- Performance Fellowship

University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music - GPA 3.8 — Cincinnati, OH
Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance — May 2025
- CCM Honors Scholarship
- Dieterle Scholarship
- Dumler Award
- Dorothy Anne Riddinger Scholar
- Stecker Century Scholarship
- S Smith Scholarship

SUMMER FESTIVALS

Festival del Lago	Ajijic, Mexico	2026
Pacific Music Festival	Sapporo, Japan	2026
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 (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

COACHES

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

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

Maria Ioudenitch - 2025
Rita Sloan - 2025
Pacifica Quartet - 2025
Mihaela Martin - 2026
Alexandra Kazovsky
Nick Photinos
Jennifer Frautschi
Vahn Armstrong
Jorge Aguirre
Austin Hartman
Itamar Zorman
Mark Holloway
Stephanie Childress
Jeffrey Kahane
Aik Khai Pung
Isaac Selya
Melisse Brunet
Andres Lopera
William R. Langley
Constantine Kitsopoulos
Fawzi Haimor
Joseph Young
Kellan Gray
Judith Yan
Anthony Elliot
David Robertson
Andres Ottensamer

PRINCIPAL TEACHERS

Pavel Ilyashov; 2014 - 2021
Yun Zhang; 2020 - 201
Won-Bin Yim; 2021 - 2025
Grigory Kalinovsky; 2025 - present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, 1st Violin, *Indianapolis, IN*	2026 - 2027
Lexington Philharmonic, Section Violin, *Lexington, KY*	2025 - 2026
Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Assistant Principal 2nd Violin, *Columbus, IN*	2025 - 2026
Richmond (IN) Symphony Orchestra, Section Violin, *Richmond, IN*	2023 - 2026

SUBSTITUTE MUSICIAN WORK

Nashville Symphony Orchestra, sub list, *Nashville, TN*	2026 - present
Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, substitute *Terre Haute, IN*	2026 - present
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Lafayette, IN*	2026 - 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
Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Newport, KY*	2023 - 2024
Virginia Symphony Orchestra, substitute, *Norfolk, VA*	2022 - present

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stafford Music Academy — Violin and Piano Teacher — *Bloomington, IN* — Aug 2025 - Oct 2026
- 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* — Aug 2023 - May 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

Honorable Mention - Indianapolis Matinee Musicale Graduate Instrumental Division - Feb 2026
Winner - Jan and Beattie Wood Concerto Competition - July 2025
1st Place Winner - Cincinnati Matinee Musicale Nancy Walker Competition - March 2025
Honorable Mention - Cincinnati Matinee Musicale Nancy Walker Competition - March 2024
Winner - CCM Violin Concerto Competition (*Korngold Violin Concerto*) - Feb 2024
Winner - CCM Violin Concerto Competition (*Rimsky-Korsakov Russian Fantasy*) - Feb 2022
Winner - Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition - Fall 2020
Concertmaster - All-VA Orchestra - Feb 2020
Sub-District Level - July 2020, 2nd place at State Level - $2000 College Scholarship - Aug 2020)
Winner - Lions of Virginia Bland Music Scholarship Competition (Chapter level - Feb 2020)
Winner - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Gamma Xi Chapter Talent Hunt - March 2019
Winner - Hampton Roads Philharmonic Young Artist Competition - Fall 2018
Winner - Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition - Fall 2018
All-VA Orchestra - Feb 2018; 6th Chair
Winner - Hampton Roads Philharmonic - May 2017
Winner - York River Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition - March 2017
Winner - Bay Youth Concert Orchestra Concerto - Feb 2014

CONCERTO PERFORMANCES

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

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

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

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

Performed *Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Op. 35 3rd movement* with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic in March 2019

Performed *Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Op. 35 3rd movement* with the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra on February 12, 2019

Performed *Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2 1st movement* with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic on May 21, 2017

Performed *Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2 1st movement* with the York River Symphony Orchestra in March 2017

Performed *Scene de Ballet* by de Beriot with the Bay Youth Concert Orchestra in Feb 2014

RECITALS

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

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

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, Lutoslawski,* and *Sarasate* at Church of Our Savior in Cincinnati, OH on April 10, 2023

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 *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 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*

CHAMBER RECITALS

Performed *Botessini Grand Duo Concertante* for Bass and Violin at Indiana University on March 24, 2026.

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

Performed *Coleridge-Taylor Clarinet Quintet* and *Mozart Clarinet Quintet* at CCM on April 1, 2025

Performed *Brahms Clarinet Quintet* in a chamber recital at CCM on December 3, 2024
Performed in a chamber recital featuring works by *Ravel* and *Brahms* at CCM on November 9, 2023
Performed *Schoenfield Cafe Music* in a chamber recital at CCM on November 8, 2023
Performed *Debussy Piano Trio* in a chamber recital at CCM in Cincinnati, OH on November 30, 2022

NEW MUSIC

City Of Big Shoulders	S. Okpebholo	New Music Ensemble Concert	Sep 17, 2026
Līla	Texu Kim	New Music Ensemble Concert	Sep 17, 2026
Seasons Pass You By	Chris Chiarotti	Graduate Composition Recital	April 7, 2026
The Whisper	Taeho Kim	Doctoral Composition Recital	Feb 2, 2026
III Eventide	Chris Chiarotti	New Music Ensemble Work Study at BMC	Aug 1, 2025
String Trio in E	R. Burtner	New Music Ensemble Work Study at BMC	Aug 1, 2025
BE STILL	A. Strawn	commissioned by Celeste Lau	April 20, 2025
Folk Song	A. Strawn	commissioned by and Emma Joyce	April 9, 2024
In Memoriam	A. Strawn	commissioned for my string quartet	Oct 24, 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Federation of Musicians (AFM)	Indianapolis (3)	Member	2025 - present
Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA)		Member	2024 - present

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RECORDING PROJECTS

Mark Hayes Orchestra Violin ensemble	String Arrangements	Winter 2026
RSM/Katie LaBrie Strings Violin ensemble	String arrangements	Winter 2026
Crow Heist - Brenden Wood Violin ensemble/Solo Violin	Video Game scoring session	Fall 2025
Hal Leonard Publishing Company Violin ensemble	String arrangements for school catalogue	Fall 2025

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Blue Water Kings Band — Freelance Violinist — Sep 2026 - present
Performs as a violinist for weddings and gigs as needed

City Six Strings — Freelance Violinist — Oct 2023 - present
Performs as a violinist for weddings and other gigs as needed

Ghent CareGivers Part-Time and On-Call Nanny May 2022 - Dec 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 Host Jan 2023 - May 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

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REFERENCES

Won-Bin Yim, Violin Professor - Former violin professor
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Mark Gibson, Music Director of Orchestral Studies - Former mentor and conductor
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