

# KAREN LELA FERRY, VIOLIN

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## EDUCATION

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### Cleveland Institute of Music | Cleveland, OH

*M.M. in Violin Performance and Suzuki Violin Pedagogy* 2024 Candidate

*B.M. in Violin Performance | Academic Honors* 2018 – 2022

- Sato Center for Suzuki Studies | *Teacher Trainee* 2018 – Present
- CIM Student Government Assc. | *Student Body Pres., Sec. Junior & Soph. Rep.* 2019 – 2022
- CIM Board of Trustees | *Executive Officio* 2021 – 2022
- CIM Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee | *Committee Member* 2020 – 2022
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars 2019 – 2022
- Dean's List *all semesters*

### Gifted Music School | Salt Lake City, UT

2009 – 2018

- Full-scholarship and founding conservatory member, pre-collegiate program graduate
- Enrolled in upper-level orchestra, chamber, performance, music theory, music history, aural & choral classes

**Principal Teachers:** Stephen Rose, Jan Sloman, Ralph Matson, Deborah Moench, and Kimberly Meier-Sims

**Mentorship & Masterclasses:** Ani Kavafian, Miriam Fried, Jamie Laredo, Ilya Kaler, Mihaela Martin, Joela Jones, Paul Kantor, Wei He, Stefan Jackiw, Arnold Steinhardt, Henryk Kowalski, Ara Gregorian, Jeffery Irvine, Robert Lipsitt, Laurie Smukler, Jinjoo Cho, Nancy Zhou, Axel Strauss, Grigory Kalinovsky, Xioa Dong-Wang, Roberto Díaz, Joseph Silverstein, Leon Fleisher, Andres Cárdenes, Olga Kaler, and members of the Juilliard, Borromeo, Emerson, Orion, Ébène, Dover, Jupiter, Cavani, and Miró String Quartets

## FESTIVALS & SOLO ENGAGEMENTS

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### Festivals

- National Orchestral Institute & Smithsonian String Quartet Seminar 2024
- Vivace International Music Festival 2021, '20
- Online Summer String Intensive (OSSI) 2020
- Encore Chamber Music Institute, String Quartet Intensive 2019
- Encore Chamber Music Institute, Summer Academy 2019, '17
- Indiana Summer String Academy 2015
- Intermountain Suzuki String Institute and Advance String Camp 2004 – 2014

### Solo Orchestral Engagements

- *All-Star Evening*, Utah Symphony | *Dvořák Violin Concerto* 2017
- *The Mozart Experience*, Utah Symphony | *Mozart Violin Concerto No. 4* 2017
- *Superheroes!*, Utah Symphony | *Lalo Symphonie Espagnole* Oct. 28 & 29, 2016
- *Salute to Youth*, Utah Symphony | *Saint-Saëns Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* 2014
- *Concerto Competition Winners Gala*, Utah Philharmonic Orchestra 2009

## Solo Recitals

- Cleveland Institute of Music: Master, Senior, and Junior Degree Recitals 2022, '21, '20
- Utah Symphony Youth Guild Winners Recital 2016, '14, '12
- *Best of the Best*, Excellence in the Community Concert Series 2015
- Utah Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition Winners Recital 2015

## ORCHESTRAL & CHAMBER EXPERIENCE

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### Orchestral Ensembles

- CIM Symphonic Orchestra | *Assistant Principal 2<sup>nd</sup>* 2018 – Present
- New Texas Sinfonia | *First Violin Section Member* 2024 – Present
- Firelands Symphony Orchestra | *Substitute* 2024 – Present
- Mansfield Symphony Orchestra | *Substitute* 2024 – Present
- Camerata Orchestra, Encore Chamber Music | *Concertmaster* 2019
- GMS Conservatory Orchestra | *Concertmaster & Principal 2nd Violinist* 2008 – 2018
- All-State Orchestra, Utah Music Educators Association | *Principal 2nd* 2016, '15
- Suzuki Association of the Americas Youth Orchestra | *Principal 2nd Violinist* 2009

**Noteworthy Orchestral Conductors:** Leonard Slatkin, Andrew Grams, JoAnn Falletta, Rei Hotoda, Sel Kardan, Bill McGlaughlin, Craig Jessop, Vladimir Kulenovic, and John Morris Russell

### Chamber Ensembles

- Argo String Quartet, in residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music 2021 – 2022
- Raphina Quartet, in residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music 2020
- Deilia String Quartet, Cleveland Institute of Music 2018 – 2019
- Nordic Duo, Cleveland Institute of Music Intensive Duo Program 2019
- Rocky Mountain Strings Violin Ensemble 2007 – 2013
- Ferry Family Strings 2003 – Present

## AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

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- Dr. Bennett Levine Memorial Award in Chamber Music 2022
- Glass City Chamber Music Competition | *Finalist* 2022
- Utah Symphony “All-Star Evening” Competition | *Grand Prize Winner* 2017
- Stradivarius International Violin Competition, Utah | *Semifinalist & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize* 2016, '13
- Utah Symphony Youth Guild Competition, three division prize winner 2016, '14, '12
- ASTA Stringfest at Weber State University | *1<sup>st</sup> place* 2016, '14
- MTNA Southwest Junior Strings Division, CA | *Honorable Mention* 2015
- MTNA Utah Junior Strings Division | *1<sup>st</sup> place* 2014
- “Salute to Youth” Utah Symphony Solo Competition | *1<sup>st</sup> place* 2014
- Utah Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition | *1<sup>st</sup> place* 2014, '13

## TOURS AND BROADCASTS

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- Musical Humanitarian Tour | *Northern Italy* 2022 – 2023
- Argo String Quartet Spring Tour | *Florida & South Carolina* 2022
- KBYU’s Route 89 Live Classical Radio | *Bill McLaughlin* 2016, '13
- PBS Television Special, “Celebrate America” with Alex Boye | *Tim Janis.* 2016

- Teton National Park Dignitary Tour | *Wyoming* 2013
- NPR's "From the Top" Live Radio | *Christopher O'Riley* 2012
- Rocky Mountain Strings European Tour | *Belgium & France* 2011
- KBYU's Route 89 Classical Radio | *Families Make Music Together* 2005

## TEACHING

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### Certifications and Memberships

- Suzuki Association of the Americas | *Certified in Book 1-10, Pre-Twinkle, and ECC* Present
- Suzuki Association of the Americas | *Member*
- Suzuki Association of Utah | *Member*

### Private Teaching

- Cleveland Center for Suzuki Studies | *Substitute Violin Instructor* Present
- Private In-Person and National & International Virtual Teaching Studio 2011 – Present
- CIM Sato Center for Suzuki Studies | *Substitute Violin Instructor* 2021 – 2022
- Aspire Academy of the Arts | *Faculty Violin Instructor* 2018

### Leadership

- CIM Academy | *Orchestral Assistant* 2018 – 2019
- Gifted Music School | *Section Leader and Rehearsal Conductor* 2016 – 2018
- Box Elder High School Orchestral Program | *Sectional Leader* 2015 – 2018

## OUTREACH, & FUNDRAISERS

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### Fundraisers

- \$15,000 fundraiser for the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry & *Music for Food Benefit* Concert 2022
- \$10,000 fundraiser for the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry & *Music for Food Benefit* Concert 2021
- \$2 million fundraiser for Christensen Academy of Music & Dance renovation 2013
- \$40,000 for the Children's Justice Center's *Sounds for Hope* Benefit Concert 2011

### Outreach

- *Back to Bach Project*, Founding Member | *Cleveland, OH* 2020
- *Special Wish Cleveland* Zoom concert series for critically-ill children | *Cleveland, OH* 2020
- Hope Lodge Cancer Center | *Cleveland, OH* 2019
- Judson Manor Residential Home | *Cleveland, OH* 2019
- Utah Symphony *Lobbyfest* at Abravenel Hall | *Salt Lake City, UT* 2009 – 2018
- Huntsman Cancer Institute outreach concerts | *Salt Lake City, UT* 2014
- 40+ semi-annual outreach performances for low-income elementary schools with Box Elder High School Madrigals & The Gifted Music School 2009 – 2018

## FRONT OF HOUSE

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- CIM Concerts House Manager | *Mixon Hall & Kulas Hall* 2018 – Present
- CIM Concert Usherer | *Mixon Hall & Kulas Hall* 2018 – Present
- CIM Concerts Stage Manager | *Mixon Hall & Kulas Hall* 2018 – 2021
- Encore Chamber Music Institute Stage Manager 2019