

KAREN LELA FERRY, VIOLIN

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EDUCATION

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

Gifted Music School | Salt Lake City, UT

2009 – 2018

- Pre-College Graduate | *Full-scholarship and founding conservatory member*

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

Mentorship & Masterclasses: Ani Kavafian, Miriam Fried, Jamie Laredo, Si-Yan Darren Li, Ilya Kaler, Paul Kantor, Stefan Jackiw, Arnold Steinhardt, Robert Lipsett, Laurie Smukler, Jinjoo Cho, Nancy Zhou, Axel Strauss, Grigory Kalinovsky, Xioa Dong-Wang, Joseph Silverstein, Leon Fleisher, Andres Cárdenes, and by the Juilliard, Borromeo, Emerson, Orion, Ebene, Dover, Jupiter, Cavani, and Miró String Quartets

ORCHESTRAL & CHAMBER EXPERIENCE

Orchestral Ensembles

- CIM Symphonic Orchestra | *Assistant Principal 2nd* 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

Chamber Ensembles

- Argo String Quartet | *Advanced String Quartet Program at CIM* 2021 – 2022
- Raphina String Quartet | *Advanced String Quartet Program at CIM* 2020 – 2021
- Nordic Duo | *Intensive Duo Program at CIM* 2019 – 2020

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

- 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 & 3rd prize* 2016, ‘13

FESTIVALS & SOLO ENGAGEMENTS

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 & Summer Academy ‘19, ‘17

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