

Dr. Mikylah Myers

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Dr. Mikylah Myers is Assistant Dean of Student Artistic Achievement and Professor of Violin at West Virginia University. Her performances have been called “energetic and virtuosic” by the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, and “captivating” by Boulder, Colorado’s *Daily Camera*.

In 2005 Dr. Myers founded the Durango Youth Symphony, serving as its artistic director and conductor for three years while she was the assistant professor of violin and viola at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. At that time she also served as the concertmaster of the

San Juan Symphony. Since moving to West Virginia in 2007, Dr. Myers has enjoyed conducting many of the region’s most talented string players in clinics and festivals in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. She was honored to conduct the inaugural West Virginia Middle School All State Orchestra in 2015.

Dr. Myers received her doctoral and master’s degrees in violin performance from the University of Houston’s Moores School of Music, where she studied violin with Fredell Lack and conducting with Peter Jacoby. During her time in Houston, Dr. Myers regularly performed with the Houston Symphony and the Houston Grand Opera. She was also a violinist with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Florida. Dr. Myers received her bachelor of music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where she studied violin with Roland and Almita Vamos and conducting with Louis Lane. She was also a four-year-member and co-captain of the Oberlin College varsity women’s soccer team.

Dr. Myers was named West Virginia’s Outstanding Studio Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia chapter of the American String Teachers Association for both 2010 and 2009, and received the WVU School of Music’s Outstanding Teaching award in 2008. In 2014 Dr. Myers was named the WVU College of Creative Arts “Outstanding Teacher.” She is a Past President of the West Virginia state chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

Dr. Myers has performed internationally as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Italy, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Spain and Hungary. She spends her summers performing at music festivals throughout the United States and Europe, which have included the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, the Spoleto Italy Festival, the AIMS in Graz, Austria Festival, the Oregon Coast Festival, the Ernest Bloch Festival in Newport, Oregon, and the Colorado Music Festival Orchestra in Boulder. She was a nineteen-year-member of the Britt Festival Orchestra in Jacksonville, Oregon. This summer she will return the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute to teach and perform. Dr. Myers can be heard on Delos and Parma Records.

