

Janelle Davis

Violin/Viola

Beginner Cello, Beginner Piano

Janelle Davis enjoys a varied career as a freelance chamber musician, orchestral player, and soloist with various regional ensembles, and has performed internationally in Canada, China, Europe, and the U.K. She has recorded for the IndieBarok label, Cedille records, IU Press, Heartland Baroque, and Naxos, and has been heard in programs for PBS television and live on Chicago's WFMT classical radio.

A devoted educator, Janelle has given private lessons for preschool through adult learners, taught public school orchestra, coached college students in university settings, and partnered with various non-profits that bring music to the elderly and communities under-served by the arts.

In her teaching, Janelle strives to create an open and dynamic space for learning that guides students toward excellence and mastery in their playing. She draws from the pedagogical ideas of Ivan Galamian, Paul Rolland, Shinichi Suzuki, and Mimi Zweig. A basic tenet of the Suzuki school of violin playing is "every child can." Foundational to Zweig's approach is the establishment of a non-judgmental learning environment. Rolland's system centers on physical freedom of movement that reduces tension and anxiety in performance, while Galamian's principles lay solid technical groundwork for string playing. Janelle is always expanding her teaching ideas, and has recently enjoyed exploring the O'Conner method.

Janelle earned a doctorate from Indiana University where she specialized in music from the 17th and 18th centuries. She also holds degrees in violin performance from Hardin-Simmons University and the University of North Texas. Janelle's heroes and music mentors include her violin teachers, Stanley Ritchie, Cynthia Roberts, Julia Bushkova, Peter Isaacson, and Celeste Myall, in addition to Mona Wilson and Wendy Gillespie, with whom she studied viola and viola da gamba, respectively.

Besides performing and teaching, Janelle is a writer, and worked for many years as a writer, producer, and podcast host for the syndicated music radio program, *Harmonia*. Janelle relocated to Charlotte from Chicago in May of 2018.

Janelle will be teaching at Music Quarters Promenade on Tuesdays.