

# Melanie Riordan, Violin



Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: I play the violin, and I sing.

Q: When and how did you get started in music?

A: My mother always listened to classical music when I was growing up. I started piano lessons when I was 4 because both my mother and older sister took piano lessons. I switched to violin when I was 10 when a violinist started playing during Sunday services at my church.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: I started last year, and I'm excited to begin my second season!

Q: Educational background?

A: Pre-College at the Manhattan School of Music. BFA at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MM at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: My teacher at Carnegie Mellon, Cyrus Forough.

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: I teach private violin lessons at Lovett Elementary School.

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: I practice yoga and am an active runner. I also enjoy cooking, both old recipes and coming up with new ones!

Q: Favorite music?

A: J.S. Bach, Claude Debussy, Gustav Mahler, Sergei Prokofiev, Bill Evans, Tom Jobim, Punch Brothers, Radiohead.

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