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Nicole Ballinger

BIOGRAPHY

Nicole has been performing for over 30 years and started learning the violin with the Suzuki and traditional methods at 6 years old. She studied for several years under the direction of Ed Edwards, Cindy Nordstrum and other teachers in Rhode Island. After her move to Florida she returned to music performance with her husband Richard.

She has performed with several chamber groups and community orchestras, among them the Indian River Pops and the Treasure Coast Symphony and is currently performing with the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra.

She has co-founded and is the event coordinator for Ocean Strings- several group ensembles for special events. She enjoys teaching multi-genre strings to beginning and intermediate students at their studio in Vero Beach. She is a current member of ASTA (American String Teachers Association) and SAA (Suzuki Association of the Americas). In addition, she has passionate interests in community volunteering both with the public school orchestra programs as well as with spiritual education. Nicole is also integrating the award winning Kindermusik curriculum as part of her new studio classes for children- newborn to age five and their caregivers.