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# Richard Ballinger

### BIOGRAPHY

Richard has been performing viola and violin for the past 30+ years. He attended Florida Southern College where he graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Music Performance degree.

For the past 18 years he has had extensive experience in developing his pedagogical arts. He has been the director of the Oslo Middle School Orchestra Program where he daily inspires over 140 string students and for 12 years he also led the Storm Grove School Orchestra Program of over 100 students.

He has performed as a string artist/ soloist with several orchestras throughout the state of Florida among them the Imperial Symphony Orchestra, the FSC Orchestra and now currently the Viola section leader with the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra. He also is highly in demand as a guest conductor for All County Orchestras throughout the state of Florida for the past 3 years and now leads the new Ocean Youth Orchestra in his community.

He also is the co-founder of the Ocean Strings performances ensembles with his wife Nicole and also enjoys teaching Ukulele and Aviation! He has passionate interests in surfing, sailing, swimming and flying. He is always willing to find a way to inspire and live a soul-full life both for himself and his family!



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