

Meg Martin is a fifth grader at St. Matthews Elementary School, and has been a member of the LYO for four years. She is the principal first violin in the Camerata Orchestra this year, principal second violin in the Repertory Orchestra in 2019-20, and principal first violin in the Concert Orchestra in 2018-19. She studies violin with Sara Callaway and piano with Gary Pearson at the Louisville Academy of Music. She started piano at age 4 and violin at age 5. Meg formerly studied with Ruth French until her retirement in 2018. Meg has also been a member of the University of Louisville String Academy under the direction of Brittany MacWilliams since 2018.

In the spring of 2019, Meg won the Fan Favorite award in the 90.5 WUOL Young Artist Competition and performed on WUOLive. She participated in the Loretto Project Pathways Initiative, Composition workshop, composed and performed her solo violin piece at the University of Louisville. In the fall of 2019, she won the LYO Concerto Competition. She has played in various masterclasses, and performed as a soloist several times with the University of Louisville Orchestra. She has also played in recitals organized by Jeff Jamner featuring Gheens young artists such as Anne Richardson and Clayton Stephenson.

Being able to participate in the LYO and making music in person has meant so much to Meg during the difficult times of the pandemic. She feels so honored and grateful to Chris Lerner and the LYO for giving her the opportunity to perform with the Camerata Orchestra this year.