

Naomi Delafield

String Adjudicator

Born and raised in Australia, Naomi began lessons at age 3 with the Suzuki method and has been performing and teaching the violin for over 25 years. Naomi holds the Masters in Violin from the University of Calgary and has held the Concertmaster position of Red Deer Symphony Orchestra since 2006. From 1994 to 2001, Naomi had the opportunity to travel the world as Concertmaster and soloist with the New England Symphonic Ensemble directed by Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse. Solo highlights have included the Sydney Opera House, St. Martin in the Fields, Carnegie Hall, Cape Town City Hall and the Winspear. Her time spent playing with NEYE planted a seed in her heart for inspiring youth in an orchestral setting.

After moving to Canada with her husband, Naomi founded a community string orchestra in 2002: 'Rosedale Valley String Orchestra'. Her concerts with RVSO have now raised \$120,000 for humanitarian projects around the world, through a partnership with A Better World, Canada.

During her time as string faculty at Burman University ('06 - '10) she founded the Chamber Orchestra on campus. Naomi is often called upon to adjudicate at festivals and teach at workshops and clinics. She has produced four CD's, one classical, one Celtic and two Orchestral with RVSO.

In 2010 Naomi made a long time dream come true and began dabbling in Baroque Violin. Since then she has enjoyed collaborating with several organizations, including Rosa Barocca and Early Music Alberta, as interest in period instruments continues to blossom in Alberta.

Currently, Naomi spends most of her time attempting to homeschool Anya and Annika, while keeping 3 year old David out of trouble. Naomi also runs a small string shop and violin studio called Prairie Violins. She dreams of a time when practice can be enjoyed during daylight hours! Her other passions include canoeing, paddle-boarding and growing lots of Russian garlic.