



Sharon Kim currently studies with Gabriela Diaz at Wellesley College. Her past teachers include Linda Ryden of Midland, MI and Jin-Kyung Joen of Boston, MA, who is a faculty member at the New England Conservatory (NEC) Preparatory School.

Sharon is a four-time participant (2010-2014) in the MMEA Northeastern Senior District Orchestra and All-States Festivals, having been concertmaster or 2nd principal violinist each year. She performed *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* by Saint-Saens with the Metrowest Symphony Orchestra in 2011, and was invited to perform as a soloist at the NEC Feast of Music Gala in 2012. That summer, she toured Germany, Austria, and Hungary with the Boston Youth Symphony, performing the Brahms Requiem and Schubert *Symphony No. 2* in each country. After winning the string division of the Alexander & Buono International String Competition in 2012, she performed solo at Weill Recital Hall, a small concert venue at Carnegie Hall, with the Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto in D Major*. In 2013 and 2014, she was the concertmaster of the premier ensemble at BYSO, the Boston Youth Symphony, as well as the 2nd principal violinist for the National Youth Orchestra of the USA (NYO-USA), which was led by American conductor David Robertson and Israeli-born violinist Gil Shaham that year. She has performed at numerous prestigious venues in both the U.S. and Europe, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, St. Stephen's Cathedral (*Stephansdom*) in Vienna, and the *Mozarteum* in Salzburg, Austria.

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