Biography

Clarinetist Kristen Spiridon is an active performer and teacher in the Southeast. Currently, she is the is the Principal Clarinet of the Savannah Philharmonic; Principal Clarinet of the Coastal Symphony; and Second Clarinet of the Augusta Symphony. She is also the newly appointed Lecturer of Clarinet at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. In the summer season, Kristen serves as the head of the clarinet faculty at the Judith Lapple Summer Woodwind Camp and Festival in Fairfax, Virginia. Prior to her present appointments, she held the position of Second Clarinet with the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic.

Ms. Spiridon has performed with numerous orchestras, notably the Jacksonville Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, the Charleston Symphony, the Lexington Philharmonic, the South Carolina Philharmonic, and the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra. She has appeared in concert at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Midwest Clinic, the WASBE clinic, and she has given recitals in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Georgia, and California.

A respected teacher and lecturer, Ms. Spiridon has been invited to give masterclasses at Boston University, Georgia Southern University, Miami University of Ohio, and George Mason University.

Ms. Spiridon holds a Master of Music degree and an Artist Diploma in Woodwinds from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) and a Bachelor of Music degree in both Performance and Education from the Peabody Conservatory at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her primary teachers include Richie Hawley, Steven Barta, Carmine Campione, and Chris Pedersen.

Kristen is a Buffet Crampon performing Artist and plays exclusively on Buffet Crampon clarinets. She is also a RCW performing Artist, and plays on RCW barrels.