

## *Kate Hummel, Violin, Viola & Piano*

*Kate Hummel is a violinist, composer, arranger, strings teacher, and holds her Bachelor of Music Composition and Music Theory degree from the James Madison University School of Music. She is the founder, director, and violinist for the Melodious Strings Quartet and Professional Ensembles. You can listen to audio of her string quartet under the "recordings" page on [melodiousstrings.com](http://melodiousstrings.com), and learn more about the musicians in her ensemble. She has performed in a wide array of ensembles at James Madison University's School of Music, including the JMU Symphony Orchestra for four years, Chamber Orchestra, string quartets, and other types of ensembles organized for doctorate, masters, and undergraduate recitals.*

*She has been classically trained by Dr. Wanchi Huang (James Madison University), Amadi Azikiwe (James Madison University), Dr. Johanna Beaver (Mary Washington University), Akemi Takiyama (Shenandoah Conservatory) Professor Johonot (Mary Washington University) and Dina Nesterenko (Julliard School of Music).*

*Her diverse styles range from Celtic, to Classical, to Pop, and she loves to arrange all types of pieces for different types of string ensembles. She has placed in Irish and Scottish fiddling competitions up and down the East Coast; performed at numerous venues including the National Presbyterian Church in D.C. with the James Madison University Symphony Orchestra during their "Carmina Burana" tour; released an EP album, "As the Crow Flies", which is available on Amazon and iTunes, and regularly holds free public concerts with other musicians to teach kids about Irish, Scottish, and Classical music at the J. Edith Carrier Arboretum in Harrisonburg Virginia for their St. Patrick's Day and Children's Harvest Festival events. In addition, she volunteers with other string musicians to teach for a strings masterclass at the historic landmark, Garth Newel, in Virginia each spring. Kate offers private violin, viola, and piano instruction to students of all ages, levels and abilities.*

*Kate currently performs for professional events and venues with the Melodious Strings Quartet, is 1st Violin in the James Madison University Symphony Orchestra, and is writing and recording her next album.*