

Mc Kayla Talasek performs on viola and violin regularly as a freelance and orchestral musician. She also teaches private violin, viola, and piano lessons at her home studio, as well as Webster University: Community Music School, Gateway Music Outreach, Greenhouse Studios, St. Louis String Collective, and Mstrong Studio. As of 2024, Talasek is grateful to become the violin teacher at Forsyth School, too.

Ms. Talasek received her BA in Violin Performance from University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, and an MM in Viola Performance from University of Nevada, Reno. She has had the privilege of studying with Yizhak Schotten, Dustin Budish, and Gerald Schoelzel on viola; Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, Jenny Jones, Richard Kilmer, and John Crane on violin.

She currently holds contracts with the Reno Chamber Orchestra and regularly subs with the Saint Louis Symphony. Additional groups recently performed with are: St. Louis Chamber Soloists, St. Louis Chamber Project, Union Ave Opera, Project String Quartet, American Kantori, and Webster University Orchestra.

When she is not teaching, performing, or practicing, Talasek loves walking her dog and cat, attending concerts and comedy shows, and traveling to new places.