

A native of Reno, Nevada, Dustin Budish studied at Oberlin College and the Cleveland Institute of Music with Jeffrey Irvine where he received his BM in Viola Performance and then received his MM with honors at the New England Conservatory with Martha Katz. While in college, he worked with and performed alongside members of the Cavani, Tokyo, Vermeer, and Cleveland Quartets and received the Russell Award at the Coleman Chamber Music Competition in 2001. As a chamber musician, he has performed at the Ravinia, Norfolk, and Cactus Pear festivals and at the Nevada Chamber Music Festival. As a member of the Verbier Festival, Mr. Budish traveled across the globe for performances in Europe, Asia, and India and was invited to Israel to perform with Maxim Vengerov's Mozart Project with the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra.

As a member of the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, he performed in Carnegie Hall with Michael Tilson Thomas and Yo-Yo Ma and later was featured as soloist with the orchestra as a winner of the concerto competition under Maestro Alasdair Neale's direction. Also, while in Miami, he served as the founding artistic director for the "Friends" of New World, where he catered custom innovative fusions of classical music with hip-hop, electronica, reggae, and funk for private events.

Mr. Budish is the Principal Viola of the Reno Philharmonic and the Reno Chamber Orchestra. In 2015 he was a featured soloist with the Reno Philharmonic where he performed the Walton Viola Concerto. He has also frequently substituted with the San Francisco Symphony and was a Sun Valley Summer Symphony member for ten years.

Dustin has been on the faculty of UNR for the last 5 years teaching viola and playing with the Argenta Trio and has a passion for nurturing the next generations of young musicians and has mentored many young violinists and violists in the Reno area, many of whom have received numerous awards and honors. He is also the conductor for the Reno Youth Concert Orchestra and regularly programs fun and challenging repertoire ranging from Bach to The Legend of Zelda video game music.