

Katherine Murphy

Violin



- **Where do you live:** Ft. Collins, Colorado
- **Family:** Husband, Dan, violinist and owner of Murphy Violin Shop; two sons, both violinists; one daughter, cellist
- **Education:** B.A. Bethany College, Kansas; M.M. CSU, both in Violin Performance
- **Occupation:** Musician
- **Earliest Musical Memory:** I used to dream of being the soloist in my church choir when I was in very early grade school. I could just see myself standing in the balcony, front and center, while the congregation was enthralled. I still enjoy singing, but it is definitely best as a private venture!
- **Favorite Recording or Piece of Music:** Way, way, way too many to list.
- **Why did you begin to play the instrument that you play now and at what age:** I began violin at the age of 8 (4th grade), only because I wasn't allowed to play flute in the school program until 5th grade. I had every intention of switching to flute the next year when my family moved out of state. However, someone (I would have to guess my parents!) told the orchestra director that I had already played violin for a year. Consequently, I was not allowed to join band, and here I am today a professional violinist.
- **A special story about my instrument:** My instrument was made by David Reeve (formerly from Longmont, Colorado). My husband's violin is also made by him.
- **I knew I would make a career in music when:** I made the decision in 9th grade that I wanted to be a professional violinist.
- **Bio:** Kathy is a member of both the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and the Fort Collins Symphony. In addition to performing, Kathy has extensive teaching experience including both private and college positions. She is currently the Concert Orchestra and Elementary Strings conductor for the Youth Orchestra of the Rockies, and maintains a large private studio in Fort Collins.