

Stacy Lesartre

Violin



- **Where do you live:** Fort Collins, Colorado
- **Family:** Two amazing sons, Andre and Michael, with Gregg Lesartre, an engineer for Hewlett-Packard, and our faithful dog, lab/heeler mix, Sara
- **Education:** Violin study with Lynn Mather at the Settlement Music School; Music Major Diploma, Philadelphia High School for Girls; Recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Scholarship to Temple University; Bachelor of Music, Violin Performance, Temple University; Violin study with Sol Ovcharov in Puerto Rico, Raphael Fliegel and Fredell Lack in Houston, Harold Wippler in Denver, and Burton Kaplan at Magic Mountain Music Farm
- **Occupation:** Musician
- **One Thing People Don't Know About Me:** I'm a Star Trek fan
- **Earliest Musical Memory:** One of my earliest memories is of my family singing to me. My mother sang show tunes to me, my father opera arias, my grandma Yiddish folk tunes. They had no formal training, but absolutely loved the music they sang.
- **Favorite Recording or Piece of Music:** Whatever I'm playing at the time, but I have a special love for Mozart and Bach.
- **Why did you begin to play the instrument that you play now and at what age:** In fourth grade, I began the violin in the Philadelphia public schools. My sister had played, and I always wanted to be around when she practiced. My first violin teacher was a clarinetist, and she grew an entire string class. She made sure we all could read music as well as play, then steered me to weekend and summer violin lessons. I'm a big advocate for public school music programs. School music teachers are my heroes!
- **Other than performing music, I've always thought it would be fun to be an:** Actor on Star Trek
- **I knew I would make a career in music when:** I watched a rehearsal of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Less than a year later, I had the honor of performing with them.
- **Bio:** Stacy Lesartre is currently Concertmaster of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, Fort Collins Symphony, and the Larimer Chorale Orchestra. She was a member of and soloist with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. She has recorded at Skywalker Ranch for Warner Brothers Records and has been featured on Colorado Public Radio.