

# **The Friends Fine and Performing Community Arts School**



## **T. Rebecca Ansel, DMA**



Rebecca Ansel, DMA, is an accomplished violinist who has studied, taught and performed throughout the United States and in Europe. Under the guidance of Kathleen Winkler, Dr. Ansel earned her Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. She then went on to receive both Master and Doctorate degrees in Violin Performance from the University of Michigan, where she studied with Paul Kantor and was a teaching assistant for five years.

Dr. Ansel has studied with some of the most widely recognized and acclaimed string quartets, including the Takács Quartet, American String Quartet, Brentano String Quartet and Lydian String Quartet. Throughout her career, she has performed a variety of musical styles, including baroque music with the Denton Bach Society in Denton, Texas and the New York Early Music Ensemble in Ithaca, New York; contemporary music with Ensemble X, Kulmusik and the Light in Winter Festival Ensemble in Ithaca, New York; and chamber music with the Roycroft Chamber Music Festival in East Aurora, New York and the Ariadne String Quartet in Ithaca, New York. Her orchestra and chamber orchestra credits include the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra in Ithaca, New York; Skaneateles Festival Orchestra in Skaneateles, New York; Pro-Musica Chamber Orchestra in Columbus, Ohio; and Iris Chamber Orchestra in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Ansel also has been featured as a soloist with the Accademia Filarmonica at the University of Oklahoma, Columbus Bach Ensemble, Cornell Chamber Orchestra, Ithaca College Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, Ithaca College Women's Chorale, and in countless recitals.

Dr. Ansel has been teaching violin at the university level since Fall 2001, serving as a Lecturer of Violin for one year at Ohio State University and seven years as an Assistant Professor of Violin at Ithaca College, where she was awarded the 2006 Ithaca College Research Grant to study Baroque Violin in London with esteemed violinist and conductor Walter Reiter. In the 2009 – 2010 academic year, Dr. Ansel was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Violin at the University of Oklahoma. In addition to her teaching duties she was also member of the University of Oklahoma's Holmberg String Quartet, the Oklahoma Chamber Players and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

In addition to teaching in university music programs, Dr. Ansel has instructed at the following prestigious festivals, camps, conferences and conservatories: New York State ASTA Conference in Ithaca, New York; Adriatic Chamber Music Festival in Bonefro, Italy; Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory in Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan; and Phoenix Fest in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Ansel is currently living and freelancing in the Philadelphia area. She is also teaching privately, and at Temple University as an adjunct Artist-in-Residence.