

The Friends Fine and Performing Community Arts School



T. Ruth Frazier



Violist Ruth Frazier began her studies on the violin at the age of four with David Madison, former associate concert master of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She majored in violin performance at Temple University where she studied with Helen Kwalwasser for two years before switching to the viola. She subsequently studied with Philadelphia Orchestra violists Sidney Curtiss and Leonard Mogill and graduated from Temple with a Bachelor of Arts degree in viola performance.

T. Ruth is an active chamber and orchestral musician in the Delaware Valley. A former member of the Serafin String Quartet, she has performed with the Davidsbund Chamber Players, the New York Chamber Soloists, and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Her love of contemporary music finds her performing with the ensembles Network for New Music, Orchestra 2001, and Relache. She can be heard on the Centaur label titled “The Virtuoso in the Computer Age- I. Ms. Frazier served as associate principal viola with the Bogota Symphony in Bogota, Colombia, and while there, formed the string trio “Trio de la Candelaria” and toured with the ensemble.

T. Ruth began teaching violin and viola at the Settlement Music School in Jenkintown, Pa. and the Queen St. branch in Philadelphia. She also coached small ensembles and participated in Community Outreach Programs during her tenure. In addition, she has taught at the Temple University Center City campus in Philadelphia, and coached chamber music. She spent several summers coaching chamber music and participating in Master classes at the former Wilmington Music School. T. Frazier has maintained a private home studio for the past 17 years.

T. Ruth performs locally in the Tri-State area and is a member of the Delaware Symphony, Opera Delaware, The Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra, and regularly performs with The Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia.