

# Katie Hettinga

Advanced Violin and Viola  
Beginning Cello & Piano

1111 S. Elmwood • Oak Park, IL 60304  
Phone: 773-849-6173 • E-Mail: KJHettinga@gmail.com

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Music**, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Major: Instrumental Music Education

## TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Throughout my many years in education, first as a student and subsequently a licensed teacher, I have developed a system that guides students through a series of instructional activities encouraging productivity and enjoyment. My students not only learn how to play their instrument but also study music theory, sight-reading, and ear training. Additionally, students in my studio also learn how to become independent learners, enabling them to practice successfully at home and develop a life long love of music.

Lessons are tailored to the specific needs, learning styles, and individual interests of each student. Instruction is creative and positive helping learners to feel comfortable and confident with their lessons. I love teaching music and coming up with thoughtful ways to challenge and teach. My students are constantly challenging me to come up with new ways to teach them about music!

## EXPERIENCES

**Orchestra Director/Teacher, Western Springs School District 101 2007-2012**

Sought and implemented creative teaching strategies and lesson plans introducing new concepts to elementary and middle school students. Educated students with a wide range of abilities, the majority of having had no previous musical knowledge.

**Private violin/viola instructor, Marshall Music School of Music 2005-2006**

Composed and delivered innovative lesson plans for students ranging in ages 3 to 60 that included information on music theory, technique, solo pieces, and musicality for violin and viola students.

**Music and Nature Teacher, Fontana Chamber Arts 2006**

Designed and assisted in implementation of, "Musical Adventures in Nature," a program for children ages 5-12 which focused on connections between music and nature.

**Camp Counselor/Sectional Teacher, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI 2005**

Performed in both the Blue Lake Staff Orchestra and the Blue Lake Staff String Quartet as well as taught a group of 5th grade violists a daily sectional and technique class.

**Violist, Oak Park River Forest Symphony 2010-2011**

Performed in the viola section and played Mahler's 8<sup>th</sup> Symphony at the Chicago Symphony Center under the direction of Jay Friedman.

## LESSONS

Who: Anyone who wants to learn how to play violin, viola, cello or piano!  
What: Private and/or group lessons  
When: My teaching hours are from 3:30pm-9:00pm, Monday-Thursday  
Where: Oak Park Area- lessons will be held in my home studio  
Western Suburbs- I will travel to your home!

