

## CASEY MINK, VIOLINIST

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Casey began playing the violin at a young age in his native Miami, Florida. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and received an undergraduate research grant from the University of North Florida to study at the International Academy of Music, St. Petersburg, Russia. He also participated in the Eastern Music Festival and studied with Manhattan School of Music Professor of Violin, Burton Kaplan, at the Magic Mountain Music Farm in New York.



At the University of North Florida, Casey earned a Bachelor's of Music degree and was concertmaster of the orchestra for three years. He also won the Outstanding Junior Musician of the Year and Outstanding Senior Music Scholar award. As first violinist of the UNF string quartet, Casey performed in a master class for the Tokyo String Quartet. Casey earned a Master of Music in Performance from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Prior to holding his Arts Administration intern position with the MasterWorks Festival from 2010-11, he served as graduate orchestra assistant to Emily Freeman Brown at Bowling Green State University.

Casey also has a passion for cross-cultural engagement and music education. After his participation in the 2006 International Academy of Music-St. Petersburg, he gave two lecture recitals to his local community based on research and experiences in Russia. He received an invitation to be guest violinist with the University of North Florida Chorale in their tour to Portugal in the summer of 2007. In May 2010, he helped organize a series of solo and chamber music performances in Beijing and Fujian, China with classmates from Bowling Green State University. Most recently, he gave the South Carolina premier of Philip Glass's *Sonata for Violin and Piano* as part of a collaborative recital with painter Dominique Verechia. Casey is a registered teacher with the Suzuki Association of the Americas.