

# Sara Caswell | VIOLINIST

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### *Selected Concerts as Leader/Co-Leader:*

- **The Jazz Gallery** - New York, NY
- **The 55 Bar** - New York, NY
- **JazzMN Orchestra Concert Series** - Minneapolis, MN
- **Temple University** - Jazz @ The Underground, Philadelphia, PA
- **University of Denver** - Jazz Night Concert Series, Denver, CO
- **Morehead State University** - Violinist in Residence, Morehead, KY
- **Jazz at Lincoln Center, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola** - After Hours Sets, New York, NY
- **Hope College** - Artist Series, Holland, MI
- **Indiana University** - Summer Music Festival, Bloomington, IN
- **Symphony Space** - String Theory Concert Series, New York, NY
- **Miami Dade College** - Visiting Artist Series, Miami, FL
- **Vassar College** - Artist Series, Poughkeepsie, NY
- **Kentucky Center for the Arts** - Jazz Cabaret Concert Series, Louisville, KY
- **Emory University** - Jazz Festival, Atlanta, GA
- **University of South Florida** - Monday Night Jazz Series, Tampa, FL
- **Ithaca College** - Improvisation and You Series, Ithaca, NY

### *Selected Concerts/TV Appearances With:*

- **NBC's Maya & Marty** (house band member) – NBC Studio 6A, New York, NY
- **Esperanza Spalding & Friends** - Newport Jazz Festival, Newport, RI
- **Regina Carter & Jenny Scheinman** – SF Jazz Center, San Francisco, CA
- **New York Pops Orchestra** (featured soloist) - Carnegie Hall, New York, NY
- **Laila Biali & Peter Eldridge** - Birdland, New York, NY
- **David Krakauer's The Big Picture** - The Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, NY
- **The Gene Bertoni Trio** - Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY
- **Alan Ferber Nonet & Strings** - The Jazz Gallery, New York, NY
- **Bucky Pizzarelli & The Statesmen of Jazz** - Smithsonian Jazz Cafe, Washington DC
- **The Charlie Byrd Trio** - Annapolis Jazz Festival, Annapolis, MD
- **The Skitch Henderson Trio** - Tanglewood Jazz Festival, Lenox, MA
- **The Thelonious Monk Institute** - Jazz Aspen/Snowmass Festival, Snowmass, CO

### *Tours:*

- **Bruce Springsteen, The River Tour** – PA, MA, NJ, Washington DC
- **Esperanza Spalding's Chamber Music Society** - USA, Japan, Europe, Brazil, Africa, Canada
- **David Krakauer's The Big Picture** - CA, CO, FL, NY, PA, TX, VA, Europe
- **Joseph Brent's 9 Horses** - AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, IN, MA, ME, NJ, NY, OR, VT, WA, Dubai
- **Roseanna Vitro, The Music of Randy Newman** - CA, CO, MD, NJ, NY, PA, TX
- **Mark O'Connor's American String Celebration** - CA, FL, GA, IN, IL, MO, NY, WA
- **Fireworks Ensemble** - IA, IN, NC, OH, PA, VA, WI
- **Jody Redhage's Rose & The Nightingale** - CA, NY, NJ, WA, WI
- **Caswell Sisters, Alive in the Singing Air** - IN, MA, MD, MN, NH, NY, VT

### *Selected Venues:*

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| Acton Jazz Café - Acton, MA              | The Kitano - New York, NY                |
| The Bar Next Door - New York, NY         | L'Olympia - Paris, France                |
| Benaroya Hall - Seattle, WA              | Le Poisson Rouge - New York, NY          |
| The Blue Note Tokyo - Tokyo, Japan       | Manhattan School of Music - New York, NY |
| Blues Alley - Washington DC              | Orpheum Theater - Los Angeles, CA        |
| Carnegie Hall - New York, NY             | The Press Room - Portsmouth, NH          |
| Cornelia Street Café - New York, NY      | Rockwood Music Hall - New York, NY       |
| The Dakota Jazz Club - Minneapolis, MN   | Sanders Theatre - Boston, MA             |
| Davies Symphony Hall - San Francisco, CA | SF Jazz Center - San Francisco, CA       |
| Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola - New York, NY    | Skirball Center - New York, NY           |
| The Egg - Albany, NY                     | The Stone - New York, NY                 |
| The Jazz Gallery - New York, NY          | Symphony Space - New York, NY            |
| The Jazz Standard - New York, NY         | Symphony Center - Chicago, IL            |
| The Iridium - New York, NY               | The Town Hall - New York, NY             |
| Kennedy Center Jazz Club - Washington DC | The Village Vanguard - New York, NY      |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Berklee College of Music String Department Faculty – Boston, MA
- Manhattan School of Music Jazz Arts Faculty (College & Precollege) - New York, NY
- Peabody Institute Preparatory Division - Baltimore, MD
- Indiana University String Academy - Bloomington, IN
- Violinist in Residence, Morehead State University - Morehead, KY
- Mark O'Connor String Workshops - San Diego, CA; New York, NY; Boston, MA; Johnson City, TN; Nashville, TN
- Jamey Aebersold's Summer Jazz Workshops - Louisville, KY
- JazzConnections Summer Jazz Workshop - Montclair, NJ
- New York State Summer Music Conference - Buffalo, NY

## CLINICIAN EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Jazz Education Network Annual Conference - Louisville, KY
- 2009 IMEA/MENC North Central Division Convention - Indianapolis, IN
- 2004 Midwest Clinic Annual Conference - Chicago, IL
- 2001 International Association of Jazz Educators Annual Conference - New York, NY

## EDUCATION

**Masters of Music:** MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC; New York, NY, 2006  
Jazz Violin Performance

**Artist Diploma:** INDIANA UNIVERSITY; Bloomington, IN, 2002  
Classical Violin Performance and Jazz Studies

**Bachelor of Music with High Distinction:** INDIANA UNIVERSITY; Bloomington, IN, 2000  
Double Major: Classical Violin Performance and Jazz Studies

## PRIVATE STUDY

	<i>JAZZ</i>		<i>CLASSICAL</i>
David Baker	Lynne Arriale	Josef Gingold	Mimi Zweig
Patrick Harbison	John Blake, Jr.	Henryk Kowalski	Rebecca Henry
Dick Oatts		Franco Gulli	Sylvia Rosenberg

## SELECTED AWARDS/RECOGNITION

- Grammy Nominee, Best Improvised Jazz Solo ("Can't Remember Why" from "Whispers on the Wind" by Chuck Owen & the Jazz Surge), 2018
- Rising Star, DownBeat Magazine Readers & Critics Polls, 2013-2017
- A top jazz violinist, JazzTimes Magazine Readers' & Critics' Polls, 2011, 2012, 2015
- Senior Division Winner, Best Improvisation, ASTA Alternative Styles Awards, 2003
- Winner, Jazz Club of Sarasota International Scholarship Competition, 1999 & 2000
- One of five Winners, IAJE Sisters in Jazz Collegiate Competition Quintet, 1998
- Herman B Wells Scholar (full four-year merit scholarship), Indiana University, 1996-2000

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Classical Solo Recitals; Memphis TN, Crawfordsville IN, Bloomington IN
- Classical Soloist with Orchestra; Bloomington Symphony, Camerata Orchestra, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony