



**Marianne Buchanan - Strings Instructor**

**Marianne Buchanan began her musical studies at a young age. Her first piano teacher was her mother and at age 5, she began taking violin lessons with Sister Ann Esselman at Viterbo University in La Crosse and was the first Suzuki string student in the La Crosse area. As a middle & high school student, she studied piano lessons with Nancy Weekley from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Marianne was a member of the La Crosse Youth Symphony & attended the Symphony School of America summer music camp, under the direction of Frank Italiano.**

**Marianne graduated from Luther College with a degree in instrumental music education and was hired as the orchestra teacher in the Cedar Falls, IA Public Schools. Soon after, she earned her Masters Degree in String Development from U.W. Madison.**

**Other experience: Marianne has directed the Philharmonic Orchestra, (La Crosse Area Youth Symphony), presently and has been a strings/orchestra teacher in the La Crosse Public Schools for over 25 years, has been a violinist with the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, Rochester, MN Symphony, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA Symphony and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra (Concerts on the Square).**

**Marianne lives with her husband Dean near West Salem and has two sons. Her son Andrew is in the U.S. Navy. He is currently at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, FL, and her son Simon attends West Salem High School. Marianne looks forward to working with the families at Reed Music Studios to enhance the lives of children, in their musical studies.**