

Elizabeth MacCorquodale, violin

Canadian born, Elizabeth MacCorquodale began the violin at the age of 8. By twelve, she had become a prominent competitor in both provincial and national level competitions. At thirteen she became the youngest violinist ever to achieve an Associate degree of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto (ARCT). Two years following she successfully achieved her Associate Degree in Piano as well from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Elizabeth's musical career took an unexpected turn at age fifteen when she left home to study at one of the most prominent music institutions in the world: The Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Here, she pursued her musical studies under the instruction of the distinguished professor of violin Burkhard Godhoff and achieved her Performance Diploma after two years.

Elizabeth returned to Canada to complete her high school diploma at the Mount Royal College in Calgary, where she studied violin with Mr. Bill van der Sloot and participated in many competitions. During the next two years, Elizabeth competed as the British Columbia String Representative in the National Music Festival in 2005 and as a member of the piano trio that took the Gold Medal in the National Chamber Category in 2006. She spent her summers participating in many prestigious summer programs, such as Morningside Music Bridge, the National Arts Center's Young Artist's Program with Pinchas Zukerman and Bowdoin International Music Festival with Sergiu Schwartz. Her auditions for undergrad education won her acceptance (with scholarship) into such distinguished institutions such as the Cleveland Institute of Music and San Francisco University; however, her musical aspirations brought her to study with Professor Sergiu Schwartz at the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University, where she is a sophomore student pursuing a BM in Violin Performance. She is a winner of the Schwob School of Music 2008 Concerto Competition.