

WILLIAM GLADHART, VIOLINIST

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QUALIFICATIONS

- 30+ years professional performance (civic/private engagements)
- Outstanding repertoire: Classical, Sacred, Secular, Contemporary; Americana, Folk & Bluegrass (kcviolin.com)
- Ability to compose, improvise and ad-lib for customized, unique music arrangements
- Exceptional performance, planning and event organization skills for funerals, weddings and special events

BIOGRAPHY

As a classically trained violinist, I have had an extensive entertainment and performance experience. Private lessons began at age six, Benedictine College, under the instruction of Margaret Davis Kew, former Concert Mistress, St. Joseph and Kansas City Symphonies. As a youth, I participated in numerous recitals, violin institutes and summer camps, youth, civic and university orchestras as well as studied with several of the nation's violin elite.

As a high school student, I continued private instruction at Fort Hays State University and performed in a University sponsored community orchestra; also performing with the Hays High School Orchestra. Additionally, I participated in numerous State and Federated music competitions, receiving *I ratings*, not only in violin, but piano as well.

In college, while pursuing a non-music curriculum, I was honored with violin scholarships and performed with the **University of Kansas** and **Kansas State University** orchestras.

Classically, I have provided music for a multitude of funeral/ wedding services and special public events, utilizing repertoire ranging from Baroque, Classical, Sacred, and Secular to Americana and Bluegrass.

In addition to my classical music training, I study Bluegrass/ Fiddle Music. Fiddle has added fun and entertainment to my classical training, allowing me to continue to enjoy playing and expand my unique musical skills. I am the former fiddler player of original country music band **True North** and appeared on stage/ opened for entertainers such as Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert and The Band Perry. While with True North, I contributed to compositions, unique arrangements and mixes for the roots-rock country group as well as recorded several CD's and appeared on the band's latest Nashville production, *Dimestore Hemmingway*. More information about True North is at www.true-northmusic.com.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Benedictine College, Atchison, KS. Private Suzuki Violin Lessons, K-8
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS. Private Traditional Violin Lessons, 9-12
Hays High School Orchestra, Hays, KS. First Violin
Fort Hays State University Community Orchestra, Hays, KS. Second Violin
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. First Violin, Violin Music Scholarship
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Second Violin, Violin Music Scholarship
Benedictine College Community Orchestra, Atchison, KS. First Violin
Participation in numerous Violin Institutes and Summer Music Camps

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Grand Prize Winner of Fundraiser Telethon, Dodge City, KS
Performed at Forbes Field for Congressional Rally, Senator Jim Slattery, Topeka, KS
Entertained Congressional Gubernatorial Picnic, Governor Mike Hayden, Topeka, KS
Sponsored two years by **Kansas State Farm Bureau** to entertain at main stage pavilion, Kansas State Fair, Hutchison, KS
Two-year State High School Violin Competition Winner, Emporia, KS
Sponsored by Kansas Women's Federated Clubs participating in State music piano & violin competitions, *1st runner up*
Invited by **National Historical Society** to be primary entertainment for **Chitauqua Mid-West Convention**, Hiawatha, KS

REFERENCES

Available upon request.