

Misty Drake

Violin

A three-time soloist with [The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra](#), Misty Drake began the violin at age 3 and is a native to Southwest Florida. Ms. Drake is a recipient of the 2014 Artis-Naples Vitelli Memorial Scholarship Award, the Naples Music Club 2014 Turiel Award, as well as the SWFL Young Artists Morton Leventhal Violin Memorial Scholarship (2012). Her competition achievements include: Naples Music Club Senior Strings Award (2011–2014), 2013 Jillian Prescott Awards Concerto Competition First Place Strings Category and Overall Category Winner, and Young Artists Awards First Place and Overall Event Winner (2012).

Additionally, she has performed in solo masterclasses with Anne Akiko Meyers, Robert McDuffie, Linda Cerone, Daniel Heifetz, Jennifer Koh, Kimberly Fisher, Brian Lewis, and Ida Haendel as well as chamber masterclasses with the American String Quartet, the Ying Quartet, and the Declassified Juilliard Quartet.

Motivated by new collaborative experiences, Misty spends her summers attending festivals around the globe, from The 14th International Music Workshop and Festival Akademie Schloss in Kirchberg Germany (2017), to the corners of the US including: The Gingold Chamber Music Festival (2019), National Youth Orchestra+Festival (2019), the New Mexico Chamber Music Festival (2016), the Castleman Quartet Program (2015), Heifetz International Music Institute (2013), and Robert McDuffie Labor Day Festival (2013),

Highlights of her chamber accomplishments include: Quarter Finalist in the [Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition](#) in 2014, a feature on the 2013 Stars of Tomorrow Chamber Radio Concert Series, among numerous SWFL chamber music awards.

Ms. Drake maintains active involvement in her current community, from performing outreach concerts and fundraisers to coaching ensembles at mentorship programs and masterclasses. While completing her Masters Degree, Misty taught as a MYCM Chamber Music Coach at Coral Reef High School and Ludlam Elementary School in South Miami. In 2015, Misty participated in Credo Chicago, an organization that uses music to reach the inner city needs of the city. This mission trip selected a string quartet to present and perform solo and chamber music concerts at elementary schools, children's hospitals, and soup kitchens. During her high school years, she performed in the SWFL [Laces of Love](#) Benefit Concert for three consecutive years (2012, 2013 and 2014), and became a founding member of the Artis-Naples Youth Symphonia. This volunteer position allows select music-qualified high school musicians to work weekly with young students on the development of chamber music and orchestra skills.

In 2016, Misty was named an [Eastman School of Music Arts Leadership Certificate Program](#) Fellow, cultivating arts engagement skills through entrepreneurial and leadership training. This avenue offered opportunities that combined her passions: youth education, community engagement and digital marketing. Misty worked as the Education Intern for the [Sarasota Youth Opera Summer Camp](#) and Marketing and Education Outreach Intern for the [Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra](#) and most recently, the [Henry Mancini Institute](#)'s Social Media Marketing Team.

Ms. Drake received her BM in Violin Performance ('18) from the [Eastman School of Music](#) with Charles Castleman and Federico Agostini, and MM ('20) in Violin Performance from [The Frost School of Music](#) (University of Miami) as a Teaching Assistant to Charles Castleman and [Henry Mancini Institute](#) Fellow. Currently, Misty is a member of [The Orchestra Now](#) (Bard College) pursuing an Advanced Certificate in Orchestral Studies. [Mistyviolinist.com](#)