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Outstanding Graduate

Amalia Zeitlin

Amalia is earning a Master of Music degree and has managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout her time at NMSU. She earned a Bachelor of Music in violin performance with Latin honors from Boston University in 2017. Along with her undeniable musical talent, Amalia is also a dedicated teacher of music and violin. She worked as a graduate assistant for Dr. James Shearer, having taught MUS 101 for four semesters to non-music majors, with consistently outstanding teacher evaluations.

Actively working for many years as a professional musician, Amalia has performed with a number of area symphony orchestras, including El Paso, Las Cruces, and Roswell. In addition, she is an active chamber musician, including being a founding member of Camerata del Sol, an impressive chamber music group in our part of the Southwest. Beyond NMSU and the regional area, she has also taken part in major international music festivals in Vienna, Aspen, and Aruba, among others. Along with being a founding member of Camerata del Sol, she currently serves as the organization's Executive Director, with duties that include grant-writing, fundraising, managing organizational budgets, contracting and scheduling personnel, and planning and executing public performances and educational outreach. This is a major task for any musician, but to do this while still an active graduate student at NMSU displays both great skill at time management and a serious dedication to providing art and education in our community.

The prominent educational outreach component of Camerata del Sol showcases her service capacity. Beyond that group, Amalia regularly donates her time and energy to a number of other educational outreach projects, including the Tocando Music Project, run by the El Paso Symphony. Previously, she did regular educational service with the Boston Youth Symphony, while serving as a volunteer for ASTEP (Artists Striving to End Poverty), where she taught at an arts camp in Bangalore, India. For many years, Amalia has also served as a private violin teacher to a wide range of students, both here in Las Cruces and during her time at Boston University.

At such a young age, she already displays a clear and profound dedication to music education and community outreach and service. As an outstanding performer with a growing regional and national reputation, Amalia plans to continue advancing her career as a profoundly talented musician, performer and teacher following graduation.



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