



Musician Mondays

Julie Metcalf, Violinist

I have been a violinist in the NPS for 8 years and currently sit in the 1st violin section. This coming September I will be starting my 62nd year playing violin.

When I was young, my mother always had the radio on in the '50s and I heard the beautiful violins in all those great tunes. I knew at about age 5 that I must play the violin. I started on piano for awhile because my aunt gave private lessons, but my heart wanted the violin so my parents purchased one for me. I've never looked back. Growing up, we had great secondary school orchestra directors, Arthur Hill and Dale Spurlock, that challenged us, especially in High School orchestra by playing semi-difficult symphonies. Prior to college, I was fortunate enough to take private lessons from a wonderful instructor at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana because I lived nearby. There I earned degrees in both music and psychology. I then was a member of four semi-professional Indiana symphonies for many years and created a String Quartet in Indiana, providing music for weddings etc. for 15 years. I am also one half of the Al and Julie duo here in the Venice area providing Blues/Rock/Country/Old Standards for local venues and nursing homes.

I enjoy continuing symphony participation in the NPS after retiring and moving to Florida. The camaraderie among the players is very enjoyable. It has been a great pleasure to experience the improvement of playing under Maestro Romanski's baton.