

Ellen Farrugia, Violin



Ellen began her violin studies with her grandfather, Harry Gomez, in Vancouver, at the age of seven, and played in the Delta Youth Orchestra. She continued her studies at the Vancouver Academy of Music, with Gwen Thompson, and then moved to Toronto for the Orchestral Training Program at the Royal Conservatory and studied with Lorand Fenyves. Orchestras she has played in include: Kitchener Waterloo Symphony, Orchestra London, the Toronto Symphony, the Canadian Opera Company orchestra, the Esprit Orchestra, Vancouver Opera Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony, the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra, the Vancouver Island Symphony and the Surrey City Orchestra, of which she is a founder.

Ellen also teaches young violin student, and has coached ensembles with the Surrey Youth Orchestra, the Semiahmoo Strings, Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra, and has adjudicated competitions in Vancouver, Delta and Surrey. She met her husband Greg, a trombone player, at the National Youth Orchestra of Canada summer program, and they have three children, who all work in the arts.