

KRUTZ Player Profiles



Dr. John Rutland

PROFESSION: Concert Master - Lees Summit Symphony
Associate Professor of Music - University of Central Missouri

HOMETOWN: Jacksonville, Arkansas

FAVORITE TEACHER: Jim Hatch - Past Director, Jacksonville High School Orchestra
- Associate Principal, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra - Director, Arkansas Youth Symphony

HOW THEY INSPIRED YOU: “He used to do things like, on Friday, bring me a record. He would give it to me nonchalantly and say, ‘Take this, listen to it and tell me what you think.’ And then on Monday he would ask, ‘So what did you think about that?’ It got me listening to all different types of classical music from all periods and genres. Later in high school, he would invite myself and a couple other kids in orchestra and take us to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra rehearsal. He would then drive us back to Jacksonville, take us out to Mazzios Pizza, talk about the rehearsal, and then drop us back off at home. How wonderful is that? And later on in high school I auditioned for the orchestra and got in! He really encouraged critical thinking of music, listening of music and discussing music. He was a wonderful teacher and mentor!”

MY ADVICE: “Listen to your teachers, they have experience. They’re trying to help you avoid mistakes they have made and want you to be the absolute best you can be.”

MY INSTRUMENT: KRUTZ 2008 Viola



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