

KRUTZ Player Profiles



Jillian Warman

PROFESSION: Music Teacher and Professional Violinist for LifeAustin at Austin City Limits and Josh Lopez

HOMETOWN: Leavenworth, KS

FAVORITE TEACHER: Margaret Kew - Assistant Professor of Violin at Drake University, Concertmaster of the Des Moines Symphony, Professor of Music (emerita) at Benedictine College

HOW THEY INSPIRED YOU: "I was involved in all different things and she would get so frustrated with me and say, 'You can do music until you die but you can't do all those other things your whole life. You need to keep that in mind.' The cool thing is that she lived that out! In her last years she was living in a nursing home, had lost her sight but had her students come to her nursing home and she would teach them there. Until this day I don't believe anyone could play quite like Margaret could. She could reproduce a certain sound and personality on the violin that I wanted to achieve. I knew if I followed her instruction, no matter how challenging, it was the path to becoming a violinist like her. And ultimately, that is what I wanted to be!"

MY ADVICE: "Don't despise the days of small beginnings because they won't be small forever. Keep pursuing whatever you want to do in music. Don't just quit. It's hard, it's hard on all of us. You will get there and be so glad that you didn't give up."

MY INSTRUMENT: an Anton Krutz 1997 violin



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