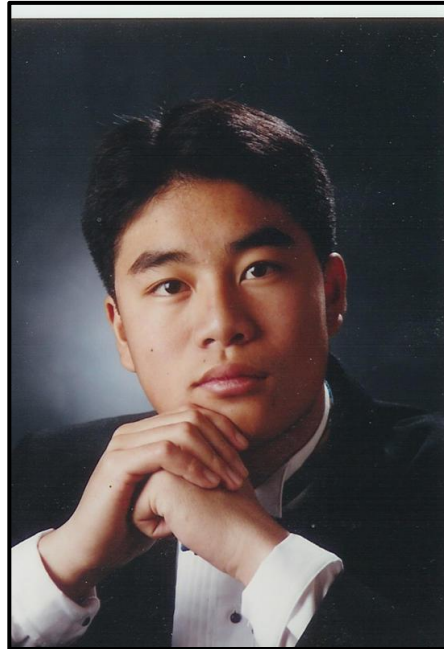


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Aaron Au

Aaron Au, a native of Lethbridge, Alberta, **Aaron Au** is currently a first violinist with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra as well as Sessional Lecturer of Viola at the University of Alberta.

A student of Andrew Dawes and Gerald Stanick at the University of British Columbia where he studied both violin and viola, Aaron graduated Head of the Class in 1998. He was then awarded the *Johann Strauss Foundation Scholarship for the Advanced Study of Music in Austria* and pursued a year of studies at the Universitaet Mozarteum in Salzburg Austria with Thomas Riebl and Claudia Bussian.

A frequent guest of CBC Radio, Aaron has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician on both violin and viola in concerts across Canada, the U.S., Cuba and Europe. Aaron has appeared as a faculty member and performer at festivals throughout Canada, including the Aspen Music Festival, the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival and the Agassiz Chamber Music Festival among others.

Aaron is also active as a conductor, having studied under David Zinman and Murry Sidlin at the American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival. He has also served as Resident Conductor of the Mill Creek Colliery Band in Edmonton as well as appearing as a guest conductor with the University of Alberta Academy Strings Orchestra and the Edmonton Youth Orchestra.

Aaron recently completed his Doctor of Music degree at the University of Alberta under the supervision of Tanya Prochazka and Guillaume Tardif where he was a *Killam Scholar* was also awarded the *University of Alberta PhD Scholarship*.

Aaron is also founding President and Artistic Director of the Edmonton Recital Society. In what little spare time he has, Aaron enjoys pursuing his other passions: photography and hockey.