

## Tacoma Young Violin Program Instructors

### TYVP Level 1 – 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays



For over half of her life, **Kelly Marsh** has been involved with teaching youth in the South Puget Sound area. At the age of fourteen, amid volunteer-work and assisting in the directing of local orchestras, she began her private violin studio. Dedicated to developing a curriculum that worked well with young beginners, Kelly strives to make the process of music learning fun and interactive. She believes in establishing and fostering in every student a love for music that can be applied to everyday life, creating more confident, creative and self-sufficient individuals. Her students have gone on to find success within the Tacoma Youth Symphony, WMEA's Solo and Ensemble, WMEA's All-State, NAFME's All-Northwest, as well as in many college auditions.

Kelly attended Central Washington University and Seattle University where she passionately studied Violin Performance and Music Education under the tutelage of Carrie Rehkopf and later, Dr. Quinton Morris. She was involved with both the Kairos String Lyceum and Chamber Music Madness staff, where she led young string chamber groups into success.

Kelly lives in Tacoma where she continues to build on her fourteen-plus years of experience teaching violin and viola in private lessons, group, and camp settings. She regularly organizes recitals, performance classes, and masterclasses with visiting professors for her private studio. Kelly nurtures a love for finding meaningful connections in and through the language of music.

### TYVP Level 2 – 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays



Alonso Tirado is a violin, drum set, guitar and ukulele teacher at Cappella Music Academy. He received a Bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Puget Sound in 2020. Alonso began his musical education as a student of the Auburn School District in Auburn, WA as well as a member of the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association throughout his middle-school and high-school years. It was during his years working with the amazing educators of TYSA as well as the fabulous music teachers of the Auburn School District that Alonso witnessed the profound impact that engaging and dedicated teachers make to a student's musical education, and he strives to provide that for all of his students. Alonso has played as a freelance musician for service, and community orchestras and

musical theaters in the greater Seattle - Tacoma area and spends a part of his summers teaching at the Lake Samish Music Camp.