

## **Zachary Spontak**

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### ***Education:***

- Royal College of Music, 2018-2019: Master of Performance. Studied with Detlef Hahn.
- Rice University, 2012-2015: Bachelor of Music. Studied with Paul Kantor.
- Cleveland Institute of Music, 2011-2012: Bachelor of Music. Studied with Paul Kantor.
- Music Institute of Chicago, 2009-2011. Studied with Roland and Almita Vamos.
- Dr. Gail Johansen, 2003-2009.
- Jean Krause, 1996-2003.

### ***Competitions:***

- Won Audience Prize at the Moritzburg Festival “Kammermusik Nacht”
- Won the Young Alaskan Artist Award
- Won the Music Academy of the West Concerto Competition
- Gold Medal at the National Fischhoff Competition
- Finalist in the Frances Walton Competition in Seattle.
- Won the Skokie Valley Symphony Concerto Competition
- Three-time winner of the Fairbanks Symphony Concerto Competition
- Silver Medal at the Coeur d’Alene Symphony Concerto Competition
- Second Prize at the St. Paul String Quartet Competition
- Finalist in the Shepherd School Concerto Competition
- Semi-finalist in the Cooper International Violin Competition

### ***Music Festivals:***

- Artist-Faculty at Anchorage Chamber Music Festival (2018)
- Lucerne Festival Academy (2018)
- Moritzburg Festival Academy (2015)
- Artist-Faculty at the Iowa Great Lakes Music Festival (2015)
- Perlman Music Program Chamber Music Workshop (2015)
- Aspen Music Festival (2014)
- Music Academy of the West (2012-13)
- Astona-International in Switzerland (2010-11)
- Meadowmount School of Music (2008-09)
- Preludio Violin Program (2006-07)

### ***Orchestral Experience:***

- Concertmaster  
Shepherd School Chamber Orchestra

- Cantata Buenos Aires
- Lucerne Festival Academy
- Astona-International Chamber Orchestra
- All-American Youth Symphony at Carnegie Hall
- Fairbanks Youth Symphony
- Alaska All-State Orchestra
- Assistant Concertmaster
  - Music Academy of the West Opera Orchestra
  - Music Institute of Chicago Academy Orchestra
  - Fairbanks Youth Symphony
  - Opera Fairbanks
- Principal Second Violin
  - Music Academy of the West Festival Orchestra
  - Opera Fairbanks
  - Fairbanks Youth Symphony
- Section Member
  - London Symphony Orchestra
  - Houston Symphony
  - Aspen Festival Orchestra
  - Ars Viva Chamber Orchestra
  - Kinetic Orchestra (conductorless)
  - Skokie Valley Symphony
  - Shepherd School Symphony and Chamber Orchestras
  - Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra
  - Moritzburg Festival Orchestra

***Chamber Music Experience:***

- Member of the Anchorage Chamber Music Ensemble
- Performances with Itzhak Perlman and Roger Tapping
- Member of the Perlman Music Program Alumni Concerts
- Current member of the Okoboji Trio, in residence at the Iowa Great Lakes Music Festival.
- Member of Kinetic, the conductorless orchestra of Houston, Texas, from 2014-2015.
- Quartet Danae, 2009-2010. Coached by Roland Vamos, Annie Fullard, and Matthias Tacke.
- Northern Lights String Quartet, 2002-2009. Coached by Kathleen Butler-Hopkins.
- Chamber Music Workshop at the Perlman Music Program, coached by Itzhak Perlman, Donald Weilerstein, and Roger Tapping.
- String Quartet Seminar at Music Academy of the West, coached by David Geber and Peter Salaff.
- Appeared on NPR's "From the Top" with Quartet Danae.
- Performances with tango musicians in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

***References:***

- Paul Kantor, Professor of Violin at Rice University and The Glenn Gould School.  
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- Almita Vamos, Professor of Violin at Roosevelt University.  
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- Larry Rachleff, Conductor: Shepherd School of Music Orchestras, Rhode Island Philharmonic.  
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- Dr. Gail Johansen, Director of Fairbanks Suzuki Institute and Private Violin Teacher.  
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- Dr. Eduard Zilberkant, Professor of Piano at University of Alaska: Fairbanks and Conductor of the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra.  
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