

Samantha Castle

Musician

Phoenix, AZ

Skills

Violinist

I have spent 16 years of my life studying the violin under two different instructors. I studied under Mrs. Sandra Collins, a Cleveland Institute Alum, from 2009 to 2021. I studied under Dr. Vincent Phelan, founder of the Corryville Suzuki Project, from 2021 to 2025.

Pianist

I have studied piano for over 15 years. I studied under Mrs. Stephanie Ryan from 2005 to 2021. I studied under Dr. Jana Pop from 2021 to 2023.

Experience

Cincinnati Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra Member/Violinist

September 2014 - One Season, Mason, OH

In my eighth-grade year of school, I auditioned for the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Concert Orchestra and was accepted. I played second violin for one whole season.

Cincinnati Community Orchestra/Violinist

September 2019-2020, and 2024-2025. Blue Ash, OH

I was a second violinist in the Cincinnati Community Orchestra for three seasons.

Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble/Violinist

August 2021 - 2025, Cincinnati, OH

I have played four seasons with the SWSE. I have served as concertmaster from day one of my freshman year.

I was a featured vocalist from 2022 to 2023 and 2024-2025.

North Valley Symphony Orchestra/Guest Violinist

November 2025, Phoenix, AZ

I was a guest member performing in two Children's Concerts, playing first violin.

Education

Little Miami High School/ High School Diploma

August 2016 - May 2021, Morrow, OH

I graduated with an honors diploma, and in the top tenth percentile of my senior class as 34 of 398 students.

I was a member of the Jr. Honors Society and National Honors Society throughout high school.

I was a member of the French National Honor Society, studying the language for 5 years from 2017 to 2021.

God's Bible School and College / Bachelor's in Music Education (Choral/General Music Track)

August 2021 - May 2026

I graduated with my Bachelor's in Music Education in May of 2026.

I was elected secretary for the student government serving during the 2021-2022 school year.

I was elected fundraising chair for my college's Music Service Organization in the 2022-2023 school year.

I was the Vice President of the Music Division's Music Service Division for one year.

I also served as the Female Junior Class Representative in our local Student Government for one year.

I student taught under the following educators at Scottsdale Christian Academy:

- *Mr. Randy Budd*, Elementary music grades 1-3
- *Mr. Christopher Herrera*, Middle school and High school choirs
- *Mrs. Emily Gonzalez*, beginning strings for grades 4th and 5th

Awards/

Scholarships

I have received 3 "Superior" gradings from the OMEA District 13 Contests, performing violin solos and vocally as a trio and duet member.

I received a Music Award in Seventh Grade from my choir teacher.

I received a four-year tuition-free McNeill Music Scholarship from God's Bible School and College.