

2024 CCYO Concerto Competition Judge

Claudia Chudacoff

Ms. Chudacoff is the former concertmaster of the U.S. Marine Band's White House Chamber Orchestra. Following her military retirement in 2015, she joined the National Symphony Orchestra as a full-time violin section member for three years. Since then, she has continued her work as concertmaster of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and the National Gallery Orchestra and has also added responsibilities as concertmaster of the Wolf Trap Opera Orchestra and the Apollo Orchestra. She also continues to perform for the National Symphony, the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, the Richmond Symphony, and the Buffalo Philharmonic. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, Ms. Chudacoff was the Assistant Concertmaster of the Louisville Orchestra. Ms. Chudacoff has appeared several times as a soloist with the Marine Chamber Orchestra, the National Gallery Orchestra, and the Alexandria Symphony, as well as with the Louisville Orchestra, the Concert Artists of Baltimore, the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra, the Louisville Ballet, the Toledo Symphony, and the Ann Arbor Symphony.

Ms. Chudacoff is a member of both the Sunrise Quartet and the National Gallery Quartet, and has performed regularly on several area chamber series, including the Embassy Series, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Musical Arts, the Contemporary Music Forum, and with the Fessenden Ensemble. She was the Principal Musician with Chamber Dance Project for ten years, and recently participated with the Sunrise Quartet in the International Festival of Sacred Music in Quito, Ecuador. She also appeared in a broadcast for West Virginia Public Television featuring the quartet. She can be heard on many recordings and radio broadcasts, including several appearances on National Public Radio's Performance Today program.

Ms. Chudacoff helped to found the College Park Youth Orchestra in 2006 and is the director of its Chamber Ensemble. She also coaches chamber music for the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra program, the NSO's Youth Fellowship Program and the Summer Music Institute at the Kennedy Center. Ensembles she coaches have regularly been selected for the live rounds of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and in 2021 won the Junior Division Bronze Medal. Ms. Chudacoff has served on the faculty of the University of Louisville, Indiana University (Southeast Campus), the DC Youth Orchestra Program and the Northern Virginia Youth Symphony Association. She was also a teaching assistant to Sylvia Rosenberg while at the Eastman School of Music, where she earned both her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Her primary teachers were Michael Avsharian in Ann Arbor, and Sylvia Rosenberg and Zvi Zeitlin at Eastman.