



VCM Guest Faculty  
**EMMA READER-LEE**

Born and raised in Victoria, BC, Emma Reader-Lee began studying violin at age 3 with Yasuko Eastman, and later studied at the Victoria Conservatory of Music with Michael van der Sloot. She holds a Masters' degree from the University of Toronto and a Bachelors' degree from the University of Ottawa, both in violin performance. Emma has received several awards on both the local and provincial level for solo performance and chamber music, and has represented BC in the strings category at the National Music Festival.

She has also performed as a soloist with the Victoria Chamber Orchestra, the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Sidney Classical Orchestra. Emma is very passionate about orchestral playing, and was a member of the National Academy Orchestra of Canada in 2022, 2023 and 2024. She also participated in the National Arts Centre Orchestra's Mentorship program this past May, and held the position of concertmaster mentee in the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra's Student Mentorship Program in 2019. Since finishing her university studies in 2023, Emma has returned to her hometown, where she greatly enjoys passing on her love of music to her students as a strings teacher for the Sooke Harmony Project.