

# *Laura Albers*

Colorado native, Laura Albers, is the Associate Concertmaster of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra. She is also the violinist of the Albers Trio, a string trio with sisters Julie and Rebecca.

Laura began studying Suzuki violin with her mother, Ellie LeRoux, at the age of two. From an early age, she loved the stage and soloed with many Denver-area orchestras.

Laura received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and The Juilliard School, where she studied with Donald Weilerstein and Ronald Copes. In Cleveland she worked extensively with the Cavani Quartet and Peter Salaff in the Intensive Quartet Seminar and as an assistant music therapist in the Cleveland University Hospitals. Laura also spent time in Cuernavaca, Mexico playing viola in pianist Sergei Babyon's festival. While attending Juilliard, Laura toured with the Astor String Quartet and the Wild Ginger Philharmonic, and taught Suzuki violin at the Diller-Quaile School of Music.

Laura has performed with Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Sarasota Opera Festival in Florida, Rhode Islands's Newport Music Festival and the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz. Her most recent solo appearance was with sister, Julie, performing the Brahms Double Concerto in Grand Junction, CO. They also recorded the Kodaly Duo together in Munich for the Bayerischer Rundfunk.

Laura heads the San Francisco chapter of Dining for Women, a giving circle "dining in" to help support women internationally. Laura is an age group triathlete and spends most of her free time training.