

Natalie Williams Calhoun  
Strings

Ms. Williams Calhoun currently resides in Prince Edward Island and freelances with the Prince Edward Island Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Nova Scotia and the Charlottetown Festival Orchestra. Prior to living on PEI, Natalie worked with the National Ballet of Canada Orchestra, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Orchestra London Canada and the Brantford Symphony Orchestra. She is also a founding member of the new international string ensemble, the Atlantic String Machine, performing concerts on PEI as well as around the Maritime provinces.

Natalie's academic background includes an undergraduate degree from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Music degree from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England. Through her studies, she worked with Kim Bak Dinitzen, Leonid Gorokhov and Eric Wilson, and she has participated in masterclasses with Stephen Isserlis, Ralph Kirshbaum, Na Mula and John Kadz. While in England, Natalie was a founding member of the Saskia Piano Trio, which recorded twice for BBC Radio 3 as well as toured the UK and parts of Europe.

Among her many activities, Natalie directs the Senior Singing Strings orchestra in Charlottetown, PEI, and keeps busy teaching piano, 'cello and rudiments while performing in and around Prince Edward Island. She is also a member of the Royal Conservatory of Music College of Examiners since 2008, is on faculty at the University of Prince Edward Island as sessional lecturer and is also a member of the PEI Registered Music Teachers Association.