

IN THEIR OWN WORDS
Get to Know THE WVS Musicians
Luke Avery Hill, Concertmaster



I grew up in Golden, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for my Undergraduate studies then on to Arizona State for my Masters. I started playing violin around age four with Boulder Suzuki Strings. My first concert with WVS as Concertmaster was in November of 2018.

In addition to my work with the West Valley Symphony, I perform in many other ensembles. These photos are from January 2023. With this trio, (James D'Leon/piano and Ruthie Wilde/cello) we presented *Café Music* by Paul Schoenfield



In this second photo, the three of us were joined by Katie McLin/violin and Kim Hankins/viola and we performed Schumann's *Piano Quintet*. Katie McLin has performed with the West Valley Symphony several times as soloist and was my mentor at ASU.

Favorite bingewatch?

I recently rewatched all of *Better Call Saul/Breaking Bad*.

The photo on the right is with Winston, my parents' Golden Retriever, in Salida, Colorado.



DC or Marvel?

DC. The Batman: Arkham video game trilogy with Batman and the Joker being voiced by Kevin Conroy and Mark Hamill is one of the greatest pieces of media ever and something I replay every few years

Star Trek, or Star Wars?

With the name Luke, Star Wars will always be closely bound with me. Not to mention Star Wars features some of John Williams' best music, especially in the scene where Yoda lifts the X-Wing out of the swamp, it gives me chills every time I see it.

Favorite movie?

The Lord of the Rings trilogy, *The Big Lebowski*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and the *Three Flavours Cornetto* trilogy are amongst my favorite movies.



What is the best gift you have ever received?

The best gift I've ever received would have to be my 1912 W.E. Hill and Sons (no relation) violin from my parents. And here is a photo of me with my parents at my ASU Graduation.

Which famous historical person would you want to spend the day with?

Either Mozart, Brahms, or Teddy Roosevelt for his role in the creation of our National Parks.

