

## JONATHAN TANNER

**Jonathan Tanner** is a versatile violinist, violist, teacher and conductor based in Christchurch. He began violin lessons at the age of six in Motueka, moving to Christchurch ten years later where he attended Burnside High School and studied with Stephen Larsen. Becoming a professional musician was never the plan, but he enrolled at the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington with the intention of becoming a high school music teacher. Very quickly he discovered the possibilities of a performing career through playing professionally with Orchestra Wellington and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.



He completed his Bachelor degree and Post-graduate Diploma in Wellington, during which time he was appointed as concertmaster of the National Youth Orchestra and accepted into the World Youth Orchestra in Italy. Chamber music involvement saw his string quartets perform concerts for Chamber Music New Zealand and the Adam International Chamber Music Festival.

In 2013, Jonathan moved to Switzerland to continue his studies. He received his Master degree from Bern University of the Arts in 2015, where he was awarded the top mark for his final recital.

Jonathan's past teachers include Martin Prokopetz, Stephen Larsen, Helene Pohl, Vesa-Matti Leppänen and Monika Urbaniak. He has also participated in masterclasses with Yair Kless, Feng Ning, Benjamin Schmid and Shmuel Ashkenasi and has enjoyed extensive chamber music coaching with artists such as the Tokyo, Takács, Penderecki and New Zealand String Quartets.

Jonathan studied conducting with Ken Young in Wellington and with Dominique Roggen in Bern, Switzerland. He has participated in a conducting masterclass with the CSO and Benjamin Northey and conducted the orchestra for the Sistema Hutt Valley holiday programme in Wellington. He also conducts the Medbury School Orchestra.

Since returning to New Zealand, Jonathan has discovered a real love of teaching. He is also Associate Principal 1st Violin of the Christchurch Symphony and performs regularly with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. He plays a wide variety of musical styles including Classical, Irish and Bluegrass and enjoys improvisation. He also loves to play outside the classical genre and is equally comfortable in a rock or folk band.

*Jonathan Tanner gives a violin masterclass in Christchurch Sunday 23 October 10am – 12pm*