

# Narain Darakananda

Violinist/Violin Teacher  
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## Work History

- 2022-  
Current **Substitute Violinist at the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera**  
*Sacramento, CA*
- 2021-  
Current **Substitute Violinist at the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra**  
*Vallejo, CA*
- 2021-  
Current **Violin Teacher at Music City Academy**  
*San Francisco, CA*
- 2021-  
Current **Violin Teacher at Exploring Music**  
*San Francisco, CA*
- 2015-  
Current **Freelance Violinist/Violin Teacher**  
*San Francisco, CA*
- Currently teaches private students in-person and over ZOOM
  - Attended Emerald Coast Music Festival (2020)
  - Attended Starling-DeLay Violin Symposium (2019)
  - Attended Roundtop Music Festival (2018)
  - Acted as assistant in violin studio of Erica Kiesewetter
  - Coached several chamber music groups
  - Taught Suzuki-style group classes to students aged 5-12

## Education

- 2021 –  
Current **Master of Music: Violin Performance**  
*San Francisco Conservatory of Music - San Francisco, CA*
- Studies violin with Kay Stern
  - Studies chamber music with Joseph Maile
- 2017 –  
2021 **Bachelor of Arts: Music And Psychology**  
*Bard College - Annandale-on-Hudson, NY*
- Concertmaster of Bard College Community Orchestra and Bard Baroque Ensemble
  - Played as member of Bard Conservatory Orchestra
  - Awarded Margaret and John Bard Scholars Prize in the Division of Arts (2021)
  - Awarded Margaret Creal Shafer Prizes in Composition and Performance (2021)
  - Awarded Margaret and John Bard Scholars Prize in the Division of Science, Mathematics and Computing (2020)
  - Awarded Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 Memorial Prize in Music
  - Graduated with a GPA of 3.98
  - Studied violin with Erica Kiesewetter, studied conducting with Dr. James Bagwell, and studied composing with Joan Tower

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## Skills

- Professional violinist
- Experienced teacher
- Comfortable working with students of all ages
- Deep knowledge of psychology
- Orchestral Conducting
- Proficiency in viola
- Experience with Baroque performance practice
- Conversational mandarin
- Basic piano skills