

## **Natalie Brown**

A Suzuki and classically trained violinist, Natalie Brown has been the orchestra director at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since 2004 and has taught String Techniques at Coe College since 2013. She received her Bachelor of Music in violin performance from the University of Iowa, teacher certification from Coe College, Masters of Music Education from University of Northern Iowa, and, most recently, spent the 2012-2013 academic year in the Elphinstone Institute's ethnology and folklore MLitt program. While in Aberdeen, she participated in the Elphinstone Fiddlers, directed an adult intermediate traditional music ensemble, Scotch Broth, and performed and recorded with a number of local musicians. When she returned to Iowa, Natalie initiated the Eastern Iowa Folk Club, a first in the area, based on her experiences with folk clubs in the Aberdeen area. She performs and records with a variety of groups, ranging from the Mayflies, a bluegrass band, to a fusion jazz group, Mirage. She encourages traditional music learning with her orchestra students, using Irish, Scottish and American fiddle tunes.