## Benjamin Weber Biography

Violist Benjamin Weber is currently Principal Viola with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, and Assistant Principal with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. He has performed recently with Barbra Streisand, Todd Rundgren, and Howard Levy. An avid chamber musician, he plays with Crossing Borders Music and has often appeared with the ACM Palomar Ensemble as a guest. As a string educator, he is on the faculty at the Merit School of Music and has led guest clinics at high schools around the Chicago area. He received a Bachelor's in Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2004 studying Violin and Viola with Michael Hining, and in 2008 he received a Master's degree in Viola Performance from the Eastman School of music where he studied with John Graham and Melissa Matson. He and his wife are thrilled to introduce their daughter Mara, born in October 2015.