

Ms. Linda Stephens, Violin Instructor

Ms. Linda Stephens is in her 10th year as the director of the Lost Mountain Middle School Orchestra Program in Cobb County. The orchestra program boasts over 250 students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade levels. Under Ms. Stephens's guidance, the Lost Mountain Orchestras have received numerous Superior ratings at Large Group Festival. For the past seven years, the eighth grade orchestras have been invited to perform at Disney World and the Georgia State Capitol.

From 1996 until 2000, Ms. Stephens was Director of Orchestras at Harrison High School in Cobb County. The Harrison Orchestras received consecutive Superior ratings at the state and regional festivals. In 1998, the Harrison Chamber Orchestra was chosen to perform at the Georgia Music Educator's Association state conference. That same year, Ms. Stephens was selected as Who's Who Among America's Teachers and was presented the Cobb County Award of Excellence.

During her 14 years of teaching in Cobb County, Ms. Stephens has served as Treasurer for the Georgia Music Educators Association District 12, High School Honors Orchestra Chairman, Middle School Honors Orchestra Chairman, Strings Jamboree Coordinator, and Middle School Large Group Orchestra Festival Chairman. Ms. Stephens has had the privilege to conduct and adjudicate numerous orchestra festivals and Honors programs throughout the state of Georgia. She is also on staff with Encore Music camp and has conducted the Gwinnett Tapestry Festival.

Prior to teaching in Cobb County, Ms. Stephens taught with the Omaha, Nebraska and Arlington, Texas Public Schools. In Omaha, she was conductor and educational coordinator of the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras and Honors Orchestra Program. Her Texas Junior High programs consistently received Super Ratings at the University Inter-Scholastic League Contests.

In addition to her public school teaching, Ms. Stephens is a certified Suzuki Violin Specialist. She has taught Suzuki for the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras, the Youth Orchestras of Greater Fort Worth and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ms. Stephens earned her Bachelor of Music Education Degree and a Minor in Violin Performance from Tulsa University. As a violinist, she has performed with the Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Philharmonic, Denton Bach Society, and Fort Worth Symphony.

Ms. Stephens resides in Marietta, Georgia, with sons Paul (percussionist) and Dean (cellist).

