

EMILY ACRI BIO

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Violinist Emily Acri, 29, was born and raised in Chicago's Northshore. She received her undergraduate training from Indiana University, studying with Mimi Zweig. She also studied with Danielle Belen at the University of Michigan to earn her masters, and completed her Doctorate of Music in Spring 2020 with Ron Patterson at the University of Washington. The Roaring Fork Valley is a special place for Emily, where she lived through much of the pandemic. She worked for Americorps as an ArtistYear Fellow, integrating music into the academic school day. She worked at Crystal River Elementary as the music educator and after-school violin teacher with the Aspen Music Festival and School's AfterWorks Beginning Strings Program. She performed as concertmaster of the High Country Sinfonia, and performed in various chamber ensembles that provided concerts for the community in virtual and in-person settings. Emily attributes her musical inspiration to her late Grandfather, Robert Acri, a legendary Chicago pianist. She is delighted to be back in the valley with this special community, performing with Kevin this evening.