

Carolyn Mekjian Waidley, Violin

As a member of the first violin section, Carolyn has performed with the Tampa Bay Symphony for over 30 years. She began her TBS career as the principal second violinist before moving to the first



violinists. She was also principal second violinist with the Clearwater Symphony, now the Suncoast Symphony. Carolyn has performed many years with the Clearwater City Players in the pit orchestra for their summer musical series. She has played with other local string quartets, community orchestras and various chamber groups throughout the Tampa Bay region. She enjoys playing for weddings and events with several string quartets.

Carolyn hails from the Farmington Hills, Michigan where she studied with Emily Austin, a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Carolyn graduated from the University of Michigan in 1976 with a BS in Dental Hygiene and has practiced in Clearwater, Florida for over 35 years.

Carolyn has been married for 40 years to Terry. They have 2 sons, Matthew and Stephen. Matthew is married to Dana; they have 3 beautiful children – Madelyn and Grayson, 6 year old twins and Weston, 21 months.

In her spare time Carolyn enjoys traveling by cruise ship! And as a member of North Pinellas Woman's Club, she volunteers throughout the community.