

Go for Baroque

FEATURE STORY: DENSI RUSHING FIDDLIN' WITH DOGS

It wasn't the beauty of Brahms or Beethoven—it was sibling rivalry that fueled **Go for Baroque** violinist Densi Rushing's initial interest in classical music.

"My sister played violin and I couldn't stand to see her doing something that I couldn't do," says Rushing. "It was just kind of a family thing—my dad played, my sister played." So, at the age of seven, in her hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Rushing began her lifelong musical journey that continues to this day, with her participation in the music ensemble **Go for Baroque**. Rushing earned degrees in Music Performance and Music Education from Southern Nazarene University and began a career in the Putnam City School District, teaching elementary, junior high and high school orchestra for over a decade. She helped develop one of the most highly rated orchestra programs in the Midwest.



Her love of bluegrass and Celtic music led to solo performances at the *Oklahoma* and *Grapevine (TX) Oprys*, and membership in a bluegrass band. She has also performed fiddle solos with Kelli O'Hara and Kristin Chenoweth, and is also in many studio and movie soundtrack recordings. "It's just kind of a fun sideline," says Rushing. "I think the more variety of styles that you can play, the more complete of a musician you are, and I think it kind of incorporates itself into all aspects of playing."

Densi Rushing holds the position of Assistant Concertmaster with the *Oklahoma City Philharmonic* and Concertmaster with *Lawton Philharmonic*. She has also been a member of the *Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque*, *Lawton Philharmonic*, *Tulsa Philharmonic*, *SNU Metropolitan Orchestra*, *OKC First Church of the Nazarene Orchestra* and has served as Concertmaster of the *Oklahoma City Philharmonic*.

Densi enjoys various outdoor activities including camping, hiking and fishing with her husband Rick and son Sawyer. Rushing is also the owner of the Red Earth Rhodesian Ridgeback Kennel, where she handles, breeds and shows Rhodesian Ridgebacks regionally. "It's just a hobby that has nothing else to do with anything I do," says Rushing.

A woman of diverse interests who compliments the elegant yet accessible **Go for Baroque** quartet, Rushing will be performing with **G4B** (date) at (time) at (location). For more information,