

## **Connie Weiner Biography**

**Connie Weiner graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts “String Specialist” degree and immediately accepted a position with the Marquette Area Public Schools in the UP of Michigan. After one year of teaching 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra, she began teaching private lessons and later established the “Strings Studio”. She presently teaches sixty violin, viola and cello students of various ages and abilities.**

**For several years, she has worked with the Marquette School Strings program as “Assistant Director” which includes preparing students for Solo & Ensemble, running sectionals and working with students in need of extra guidance. In addition, Ms. Weiner has volunteered her time to help students who have struggled with both reading and comprehension.**

**Ms. Weiner is Principal Second Violin in the Marquette Symphony Orchestra and has been an active member since its inception in 1997. As a member of String of Pearls trio, she has performed for celebratory events and for various organizations to help raise awareness and funds for social and environmental causes. Ms. Weiner has also performed for the St. Paul Arts Series.**

**Ms. Weiner has attended Stevens Point Wisconsin for Suzuki certification; attended master classes at New York University featuring Dorothy Delay and Julliard’s Starling–Delay Symposium on Violin studies featuring Itzhak Perlman and Simon Fischer. She seizes every opportunity for private lessons or master classes for her students with visiting artists such as WeiWei Le, Nuvi Mehta, Jacob Chi and Glenn Bashin.**

**Ms. Weiner embraces the science of neuroplasticity and the amazing healing powers of music and enjoys the challenges and rewards of working with students struggling with mental and physical handicaps. She has worked with students who have had learning disabilities or brain injuries and made a positive impact on those students’ quality of life. Over the past 33 years, Ms. Weiner has helped to foster the talents of many students, several of whom have gone on to pursue degrees in Music therapy, education and performance.**

**Ms Weiner believes wholeheartedly in the transformative nature of music. She is passionate about teaching strings not only for the incredible focus it takes to play well but also how it can awaken what it means to be truly human: to be kindhearted, sensitive and compassionate.**

**In 2010, Connie Weiner was awarded the “Outstanding Art Educator Award for Marquette County”.**