

Carol Carlson – Artist Statement

I have had the privilege of making music my entire life, enjoying more than twenty years worth of private lessons, and participation in orchestras, chamber music ensembles, and concerts. Not only that, but I also have a strong background in dance, literature, poetry, visual art and theatre. The arts have enriched my life in innumerable ways, and yet I constantly must confront the fact that there are countless people who never get the opportunity to truly engage in them. I believe it is my responsibility to share my gifts, bringing my unique perspective into the creative world. My personal mission is to perform, teach, collaborate and create, while helping others to do the same. I can accomplish this through the continual practice of my art at the highest level, through pursuing collaborative projects that challenge and stretch me, and by continuing my passionate advocacy for the arts and arts education. Through the establishment of my nonprofit organization, Music con Brio, I am already working to carve out a place for myself in the music world that is inclusive of musicians from all walks of life, and inviting to those who have little experience with the arts. Through my continued collaboration with dancers, actors, composers, and other artists, I find new and engaging opportunities to create and perform art in ways I'd not previously imagined. As I continue through my life and career as a musician, these are the experiences and opportunities I hold most valuable.