

Jennifer Arnold joined the Oregon Symphony viola section in the fall of 2005. A native of North Royalton, OH, she is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music where she obtained both her Bachelor of Music and Professional Studies Degrees as a student of Cleveland Orchestra principal violist Robert Vernon. In addition to the Oregon Symphony, Jennifer is a faculty member at the Community Music Center in Portland, OR teaching Suzuki violin, viola, and chamber music. She is also featured as a member of the Harvey Rosencrantz Orchestra on several albums with the Portland based band Pink Martini. During the summer, Jennifer is on faculty at the Sphinx Performance Academy a summer festival sponsored by the Sphinx Organization in Detroit, Michigan. She has also been on the viola faculty of the Alfredo de Saint Malo Music Festival Panama, Sembrando Talentos Uruguay, and Project 440 based in Savannah, GA.

While still a student, Jennifer was appointed Principal Viola of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen Arts Camp, Youth Orchestra of the Americas, The Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute and National Orchestral Institute. She also attended ENCORE School for Strings, Henry Mancini Institute, Spoleto Festival USA, and Britt Chamber Festival.

She is a former member of Red {an orchestra}, The Akron Symphony, The Youngstown Symphony, and The Cleveland Pops Orchestra. Jennifer was a semi-finalist in the 1998, 2001, and 2003 Sphinx Competition for Black and Latino String Players and was the first Best Tone winner in 1998. She has performed with several orchestras in Carnegie Hall including The Spring for Music Festival 2011 with The Oregon Symphony, The New York String Seminar under Jaime Laredo, The Sphinx Chamber Orchestra, and the Paquito D'Rivera Celebration Concert as a member of YOA. Among Jennifer's most memorable achievements is her solo performance with The Cleveland Orchestra in 1999 for their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. concert debuting Two Romances by Adolphus Hailstork.

When not playing the viola, Jennifer loves to spend time with friends dancing, karaokeing, hosting game nights, and being social. She has a passion for shoes, all things Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, and Madonna and is an avid Cleveland sports fan. Follow her on twitter @Vlaprincess99.