

February 8, 2019 Concert



Brian Bires

Soloist

Brian Bires was born in Portland, Maine and raised in Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelors of Music Education degree and is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in Viola Performance at the University of Houston, Moores School of Music. Brian is a former student of Dr. Kathryn Steely and currently studying with the Principal Violist of Houston Symphony, Wayne Brooks.

Bires has won several concerto competitions, including the Moores School of Music, Baylor School of Music, Houston Civic Symphony and Clear Lake Symphony. He has performed in master classes for Helen Callus, Caroline Coade, Josef Spacek, James Dunham, Ivo van der Werf and Kathryn Plummer. Bires has been invited to perform with the Prague Summer Nights Music Festival and the Methow Valley Music Festival in Winthrop, Washington. He has won the Donald I. Moore Outstanding Senior Performer Instrumental Division award from Baylor University. Brian has performed extensively throughout the Houston and Waco areas as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician. Currently he is building a viola studio while attending University of Houston. Upon completion of his Masters Degree, he will continue his education with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Viola Performance. Besides being a dedicated musician, he likes to enjoy time at home with his three dogs, Pablo, Po-Po, Nala, and his Umbrella Cockatoo, Fred. Bires performs on a Thomas Perry viola, made in 1783.