



## March Soloist Brian Bires viola

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 a recent graduate of the University of Houston, Moores School of Music with his Masters Degree in Viola Performance. Brian is a former student of Dr. Kathryn Steely and currently studying with the former Principal Violist of Houston Symphony, Wayne Brooks.

Bires has won many concerto competitions, including the Moores School of Music, Baylor School of Music, Houston Civic Symphony, Clear Lake Symphony and most recently the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Young Artist Competition at the Immanuel and Helan Olshan Texas Music Festival. 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. In addition to performing extensively in the Houston area, Bires had his international premier at the famous Gewandhaus in Leipzig Germany in December of 2019. 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.



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