



ANÉ VAN STADEN

Ané van Staden (née du Toit) is a part-time violin and chamber music lecturer at the University of Pretoria. She obtained her MMus (cum laude) in Violin Performance from the University of Pretoria in 2015. She is currently working towards her DMus, researching the string quartet as a teaching tool.

Since 2008, Ané has been active as chamber musician and soloist. During her years of study she had lessons with

Johanna Roos and Irene Tsoniff, and was awarded numerous prizes such as the prestigious DJ Roode Overseas Scholarship for Teachers at the UNISA Overseas Scholarship Competition in 2010, and the Jennie Perreira Prize for Strings and the Overall Second Prize at the UNISA South African Scholarship Competition in 2009. This enabled her to further her music education in the UK where she had lessons with Natalia Lomeiko and Corina Belcea. In 2009 she was chosen as a concert master of the Miagi Orchestra. Between 2009 and 2014, she toured Europe with Miagi performing at festivals such as the Young Euro Classic Festival, Schleswig-holstein Festival and the Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele. She also appeared as soloist with Miagi in 2012.

Ané is a founding member of the Evolution of 4 String Quartet and performed with them throughout the country between 2012-2019. She was appointed as the concertmaster of the Gauteng Philharmonic Orchestra in 2015 and often appeared with them as soloist. In 2016, Ané was invited to spend a month as a guest post-graduate student at the University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. She also spent a few weeks in Finland, observing violin lessons and music education at the East-Helsinki Music Institute. Ané shares her passion for the violin through teaching and performing and in 2017, she founded the Gauteng Music Initiative together with her husband, Jaco van Staden. The GMI is a music initiative that offers individual lessons, concerts, teacher training courses, and chamber music programs.