

## **Kendall Isadore, Violin**

Born in Houston, Texas, Kendall Isadore is a violinist, singer, pianist, songwriter and educator. In 2011, she graduated from the illustrious Howard University (Washington, DC) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Following graduation, Kendall began her career as a full time science teacher in Washington, DC. In 2014, she transitioned to teaching instrumental music as the founding orchestra director at KIPP DC Northeast Academy and soon after became the school's vice principal. In order to expand her knowledge and expertise in school leadership, Kendall pursued and received her Master of Arts degree in Education Policy and Administration from The George Washington University in 2019.

After a few years of leading teachers, students, and families, Kendall longed to be back in the classroom and went on to found a second orchestra program at KIPP DC Valor Academy. Kendall's orchestra and choral students in Washington, D.C. have performed across the city, and in May 2019 her Valor orchestra students performed for tennis star Billie Jean King at Washington Tennis and Education Foundation's annual gala. Kendall has a passion and a drive for ensuring that every single student in the Washington, DC community and beyond is *guaranteed* a world-class, high quality education no matter what - whatever it takes.

Though she is classically trained in violin, piano and voice, Kendall's niche is performing a wide range of musical genres on violin including R&B, jazz, "Top 40," gospel, contemporary, and hip-hop. She has performed at a variety of legendary venues all over the country with a number of artists including R&B legend Roberta Flack, classical vocalist Josh Groban, R&B/soul artist Fantasia, actress Sheryl Lee Ralph, gospel artists Tye Tribbet and Kurt Carr, harpist Jeff Majors, jazz saxophonist Mike Philips, and Bishop TD Jakes to name a few. In 2018, shortly after the Parkland High School tragedy, Kendall was featured as the contractor, lead orchestrator, and first violinist for the "March for Our Lives" concert (under the direction of musical director Adam Blackstone) in collaborative performances with Ariana Grande, Andra Day, Common, Jennifer Hudson, Miley Cyrus, and many more leading artists of our generation.

Kendall gives God all honor and praise for the work He is doing in her life through education and music. She believes that her calling is to contribute outrageous love, inspiration, music, and passion to the world in hopes of changing it for the better - one day at a time. Kendall lives by her family motto, "Keep trying, never give up, until you succeed."

In her spare time, Kendall enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, playing with her Yorkshire terrier KiKi, and traveling.