



GREENWOOD SCHOOL OF MUSIC
PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Samantha Kerns (Applied Cello Faculty)



Samantha is a dedicated teacher and completed the Suzuki Cello Units 1-6 from the Chicago Suzuki Institute and studied mainly with Shu-Yi Scott. Samantha has taught students all the way from 5 years old to adult beginners and accepts all levels of students. Her students have attended North Central Honors Orchestra (NCHO), the OSU Summer Music Camp, and Suzuki Institutes. She currently resides in Edmond, where she teaches a private cello studio, as well as travels to Stillwater once a week to teach.

Recently, Sam won a position with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and performs regularly with the organization. In 2021, she won a year-long contract with the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra. She sometimes subs with regional orchestras as well. She has been accepted into a number of festivals such as the Brevard Summer Music Festival, Eastern Music Festival and Hot Springs Music Festival.

Her future goals include building a cello studio utilizing Suzuki and Traditional principles, providing music for events like weddings and galas, and playing with professional orchestras. Samantha completed her Bachelor of Music in Music Education with a concentration in Cello Performance “Cum Laude” where she studied with Meredith Blecha-Wells. She graduated with her Masters from Oklahoma State and was a graduate teaching assistant for the Greenwood School of Music. During her undergraduate degree, she won the Oklahoma State University Concerto Competition and performed as soloist with the OSU Symphony Orchestra. She also won first place in the Ad Astra String Competition in 2018 and second in 2017.