

## **Boryana Popova** violin & viola

Dr. Boryana Popova is a professional violinist based in Los Angeles. Born in Varna, Bulgaria, she started playing the violin at age 6.

She received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Bulgarian National Music Academy in Sofia.

After coming to the US, she received Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from UCLA where she studied with Prof. Movses Pogossian and Prof. Guillaume Sutre from 2007 to 2012.

While at UCLA, she was awarded with the Mimi Feldman Scholarship, Evelyn and Mo Ostin Scholarship, and the Gluck Foundation Fellowship.

Boryana currently works as a freelance musician in Los Angeles, where she has performed with several orchestras, such as: Riverside Philharmonic, Long Beach Opera, Long Beach Camerata, LA Jewish Symphony, Opera San Luis Obispo, Opera Ritrovata, Musical Theatre West, and Helix Collective. Boryana is a regular member of Mozart Classical Orchestra (Irvine) and a concertmaster of Pacific Opera Project. As a session musician, she has recorded on numerous scores for film and television, pop albums and commercials. Boryana is a violin/viola teacher at Hyperium Conservatory and the French Conservatory of Music in Beverly Hills.