Victoria Olson, **founding artistic director, viola**, received a Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Colorado, where she was a teaching assistant to Denes Koromzay of the Hungarian Quartet. Ms. Olson has extensive chamber music experience, including performances as violist with the William Jewell Trio, Summerfest, Rocky Ridge Music Center, and over 100 school performances with the Colorado Camerata String Quartet sponsored by the Denver chapter of Young Audiences. She has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Tennessee, and has held principal positions with the Colorado Springs Symphony, Breckenridge Music Institute and the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. She also performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and the Colorado Music Festival.

Ms. Olson has previously been the viola instructor at William Jewell College and Washburn University and is co-principal with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra. Olson continues to maintain a small private studio and perform regularly, though in the past decade her focus has shifted to the promotion of chamber music education through her work as the founding Artistic Director of the Heartland Chamber Music, a program which seeks to grow the presence of chamber music in the lives of young musicians who lack similar opportunities in their existing music education.