

Ryan Masotto, viola

Ryan is a native of the St. Louis metro area where he began playing violin at the age of 9 and later switched to viola at age 16. He received his Bachelor's in Music Education and Viola Performance from Washburn University and his Master of Music in Viola Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

He is currently the Orchestra Director for Shawnee Heights in Tecumseh, KS where he teaches grades 5-12. Additionally, he serves as the director for Topeka Youth Orchestra's Chamber Orchestra. As a violist, he is a member of the Topeka Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of the Smokey Valley, and the Lawrence Community Orchestra. He also remains active with several other ensembles in the area. Additionally, he teaches private violin and viola lessons where his students have seen notable success.

Ryan and his wife, Mikayla, are excited to welcome their first baby, Ellie, in July of 2022, so he is also enjoying being a new father.