

## Cori Somers



Besides being a violinist for the KSO and a member of the current KSO Music Director Search Committee, Cori Somers serves as the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Bach Festival, is a board member of the Kalamazoo Federation of musicians, and an active member of her community within the performing arts community.

In her free time, she is the Artistic Manger and violinist for the Red Sea Pedestrians, and thanks to a support from the Kalamazoo Public Schools and Education for the Arts, she visits the Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts once a week to assist the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra program with sectionals and group lessons. Cori has served at other arts organizations administratively in Michigan including The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, The Gilmore Keyboard Festival, and Fontana Chamber Arts. Ms. Somers obtained

both her BA in 1999 and her MM from WMU in Violin Performance in 2002. Cori lives in Kalamazoo with her husband Bill Caskey and two beautiful children who are 11 and 7 years old. She is passionate about health, sustainable food systems, and social justice activism. If she is not performing, she is organizing! Cori loves performing with the Kalamazoo Symphony because it brings her great joy and satisfaction to be able to create and collaborate with so many others. The KSO is a community within a community.