

Carla Trynchuk

Today, the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is Carla Trynchuk, whose distinguished career as both a mentor and a concert violinist, and her commitment to excellence, have distinguished her among her colleagues.

Trynchuk is a professor of music and director of the string program at Andrews University. She joined the music faculty in 1991, only a few years after completing her bachelor's and master's degrees in violin performance from The Juilliard School.

During her time at Andrews, she has taught violin lessons, chamber coachings, string pedagogy and string literature. She has also advised undergraduate and graduate students and carried out numerous demonstration recitals, masterclasses, coachings, guest lectures and presentations. She is deeply invested in each of her students, whether they are prospective, current or alumni, and has fostered many successful careers by modeling professionalism, camaraderie and spirituality.

Over the course of her career, Trynchuk has served as a faculty-artist around the world, including in England and Puerto Rico, and often for music festivals and seminars. She worked at the DePaul University School of Music, Oregon Music Festival and Brian Lewis Young Artist Program, among others. She has also served as a judge and adjudicator for string and chamber music competitions and festivals throughout the United States and Canada.

Trynchuk has completed hundreds of performances worldwide and has participated in several professional recordings. In 2015, she gave the Brazilian premiere of the Samuel Barber Violin Concerto, and in 2022, she soloed in the premiere performance of the "Violin Concerto No. 2 'Teshuah,'" written on commission from the Howard Performing Arts Center by Andrews University alumnus James Lee III.

In recognition of her professional accomplishments, Trynchuk received the Award for Faculty Research and Creative Activity in 1999–2000, which she used to create the premiere recording of "Kittyhawk" by Randall Davidson. In 2001–2002, she received the Andrews University Grant for Creative Activity and performed, for a professional recording, the Tibor Serly "Violin Concerto" in conjunction with the Czech National

Symphony Orchestra. Trynchuk received the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award in 2015 and most recently received the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award in 2022–2023.

For exemplary ability to encourage the love of music in young lives and her dedication to high musical standards that honor God, the faculty of Andrews University are proud to present Carla Trynchuk with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.