



## Shannon Cook

Age: 24

Instrument: Violin

- Shannon is currently in the final year of her MMus degree in Performance at the University of Cape Town, where she is also one of the managers of the UCT Symphony Orchestra.
- She has a BMus degree Cum Laude in Western Classical Performance from UCT. Before studying at UCT, she completed her grade 8 UNISA exam (in 2014) with distinction and was awarded various prizes from eisteddfods during her high school years.
- She has been playing violin in orchestras since the age of 12 and has performed in various orchestras throughout her school and university years: the Simfonia Juventi youth orchestra (also a soloist in 2013), the Stellenbosch International Chamber Festival Symphony Orchestra, the South African National Orchestra, the UCT Symphony Orchestra, and the UCT String Ensemble.
- She has also been an ad hoc player for the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra and the Cape Town Festival Orchestra. In 2019 she played as concertmaster of the UCT Symphony Orchestra under conductor Bernhard Gueller.
- She has a strong love for chamber music and is an active chamber musician. She has performed in various chamber groups and showcases at the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival as well as the UCT College of Music.



- In addition, she was awarded 2nd prize in the 2018 Schock Foundation Prize for Chamber Music and 1st prize for the 2019 Schock Foundation Prize for Chamber Music.
- She regularly performs at weddings/corporate functions and has performance experience across a wide variety of genres including symphony concerts, contemporary music, musical productions, chamber music, and various opera productions.