



**CONCORD**  
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**Concerto Competition Winner**



## **Burcu Göker (2005)**

Burcu Göker started her musical education at the University of Istanbul State Conservatory when she was eight years old. She then went to Paris to study in the Sylvie Gazeau's Superior Level Class at the Paul Dukas Conservatory in 1996. Göker was awarded the Premier Prix praise by the Jury for her violin performance and graduated in 1999.

In 2000 and 2001, she was admitted to the Orchestre Français des Jeunes de Radio France, which earned her the opportunity to tour Europe. At the Verona Music Festival in Italy in 2001, she was chosen to represent France in Ireland, playing in the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland as an assistant concertmaster.

In 2003, she continued her violin studies under the violinist Stephane Tran Ngoc; viola studies under Matthew Michelic; and composition studies with Johanne Metcalf at Lawrence University. She graduated Magna cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance in 2007. In addition to her academic studies, she held a position as a violin teacher at the Lawrence Academy from 2004-2007, and was first violinist in the Fox Valley Symphony and also concertmaster of the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra from 2005-2007.

In 2009 she completed her master's degree. She was also an active member of the University of Calgary String Quartet. Göker was the concertmaster of the University of Calgary Orchestra between 2007 and 2009. In 2007, she was a winner of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto Competition. As a soloist, she played the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in 2009. Since 2009, Göker has been pursuing a doctoral degree in violin performance at Florida State University, where she has served as an assistant teacher.

She has also performed as a concertmaster in the Eppes String Quartet and the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. Throughout her music studies, Göker has worked and performed extensively with a diverse range of artists such as Ami Flammer, Pierre Boutin, Jean-Pierre Sabouret, Guy Commentale, Devy Erlih, Stephane Tran Ngoc, Michele Margand, Roland Baldini, Steven Clapp, Miriam Fried, Tibor Varga, Alexander Anissimov, Emmanuel Krivine, Jesus Lopez-Cobos, Jean-Sebastien Bereau, Faisal Larovi, Xavier Rist and David Becker.

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