



## **JACOB JOSEPH**

### *Viola*

**Hometown:**  
Berkeley, CA

**When did you join Berkeley Symphony?**  
May 2023

**What is your favorite part about being a Berkeley Symphony musician?**

Berkeley Symphony is really forward thinking when it comes to programming. As a member of this group I have the chance to learn music I wouldn't be exposed to anywhere else.

**What is your favorite piece of music that you've performed with Berkeley Symphony?**

I finally had my chance to play *Scheherazade* last season. What a great piece!

**What other orchestras, ensembles, or other performing arts groups do you perform with?**

I am a member of the Sacramento Philharmonic, the Santa Rosa Symphony, and perform regularly with many of the other regional orchestras in the area. I play with the touring Broadway shows that come through town, and with my ensembles the Town Quartet Collective and the International Reicha Society.

**What is your current favorite classical artist/ensemble?**

I love the old string quartets. The Kolisch Quartet. The Curtis Quartet. The Griller Quartet. Anything recorded pre-1950.

**What is your current favorite non-classical artist?**

Mr. Bungle

**What locations in Berkeley do you enjoy?**

I love shopping at Berkeley Bowl, and I love eating at Ippuku.

**Aside from rehearsing or performing music, what do you enjoy in your free time?**

I cook a lot of Mexican food, and I spend every other spare moment obsessing over baseball.