

Originally from Fayetteville, Georgia, Laura Zitelli began playing the clarinet at the age of 9. Throughout high school, Laura was a member of the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and participated in All State Band and Orchestra. She attended the University of South Carolina for an undergraduate degree in music education with a clarinet performance certificate. During her time there, she competed and was named alternate in MTNA's young artist's competition and performed with the Piccolo Spoleto Festival Orchestra.

Laura attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory for her Master's degree in clarinet performance where she performed with the Conservatory Orchestra and Wind Symphony. Her former teachers include Bruce Geyer, Mikhail Boguslavsky, Joe Eller, and Jane Carl. Currently, she is the principal clarinetist for the Midwest Chamber Ensemble. Always looking for more learning opportunities, Laura has participated and attended the California Clarinet Summer Clinic and performed in multiple master classes for clarinetists such as: Steve Cohen, Burt Hara, Anthony McGill, and Stephen Williamson. She keeps a busy free-lance schedule, and has a number of students throughout the Kansas City Metro area.