Kristina has loved music and dance for as long as she can remember. She started violin lessons with her parents, who are both musicians with the WSO, and then studied with Gwen Hoebig for 9 years. She received an Artist Diploma from the Institute of Chamber Music at the University of Milwaukee WI, where she studied with Dr. Myron Kartman. Following university, it was her passion for dance that compelled her to audition for the Canadian touring company Barrage. She joined Barrage in February 2005 and spent seven years travelling the world, playing violin, and experiencing many new cultures and musical styles. Kristina always knew she wanted to come back to her hometown of Winnipeg, and so she was thrilled to win a Second Violin position with the WSO in the summer of 2013. She also loves teaching violin and has held a private studio since September 2012. Kristina is very excited to be back for her 6<sup>th</sup> summer at IMC!