



Laura Colgate
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Entrepreneur and violinist Dr. Laura Colgate has earned a reputation for her artistic leadership, versatility, and commitment to gender equity in the arts. She is co-founder and Executive Director of Boulanger Initiative, a non-profit organization which advocates for women composers through education, performance, commissions, and consulting, and which recently launched with WoCo (Women Composers) Fest, a historic 3-day festival in Washington, DC. Her Doctoral thesis, “Half of Humanity Has Something to Say, Also: Works for Violin By Women Composers,” focuses on increasing recognition of prominent and lesser-known women composers. Having performed worldwide on stages including the Barbican Centre, Kennedy Center, and multiple appearances at Carnegie Hall, Dr. Colgate is also concertmaster of Greenville Symphony Orchestra.