



## **Julia Persitz, Minnesota Sinfonia Concertmistress**

Julia Persitz is a founding member of the Minnesota Sinfonia and its predecessor, the Minneapolis Chamber Symphony (MCS). Soon after emigrating from Russia in 1977, Persitz was contacted by MCS Music Director Jay Fishman to join the fledgling orchestra. Within two years, Persitz became MCS concertmistress, a position she held through the rest of the group's existence, and retains today with the Minnesota Sinfonia. Thirty-one years and hundreds of performances later, Persitz is a mainstay in the Twin Cities music community. In addition to her work with the Sinfonia, she has played with many of the region's major freelance musical groups and maintained a prestigious private-teaching studio.