

*ASTA/NJ SOLO STRING COMPETITION*  
*at Kean University 2009*



*Biography: Violetta Norrie*

Violetta Norrie has been a harp student of Frances Duffy from the age of six. She is currently 13 years old and is a home-schooled eighth grader. Violetta is Principal Harp of both the Essex County Symphony Orchestra and New Jersey Youth Orchestra. She has been privileged to perform in master classes taught by Mariku Anraku, Associate Principal Harp of The Metropolitan Opera, Sarah Bullen, Principal Harp of The Chicago Symphony, Kathleen Bride, Chair of the Harp Department, Eastman School of Music, and Elizabeth Hainen, Principal Harp of The Philadelphia Orchestra. Violetta was a featured student performer at the 2009 Harp Festival of Philadelphia. She performs frequently at weddings and other special events. Violetta resides in Montclair, with her mom (opera singer and "harp roadie"), dad (an attorney) and two brothers. For more information, go to her website at [www.violettaharpist.webs.com](http://www.violettaharpist.webs.com).