

SHE'S GOT THE BEAT



Jeanette Brabston | Heart Stringer

Violinist, Jeanette, has an unforgettable face—one that fellow musician, Stewart Vann, jokingly calls her “ominous intense” face.

“Sometimes,” she says, “I get so into [playing] that I forget to breathe until the end of a song. It’s easy to get lost in it.”

From Fairhope, AL, Jeanette graduated with a Samford International Relations degree in 2006. She now works for County Commissioner Jim Carns, sawing on the strings in her spare time. Jeanette is one of five musicians comprising local band, The Triceratops. The quintet, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary, books two or three shows a month. One recent concert sent proceeds to victims of genocide in Darfur—a cause that strikes a chord with Jeanette. Her “perfect life” would braid her love of music with her passion to see the world changed. “That’s where my heart is,” she explains. “Helping people out by playing my violin. There is nothing more wonderful.”

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