



Raylin Hooks joined the Balcones Community Orchestra in 2025 and currently resides in Austin, Texas. She holds both a Bachelor and Master of Music degree in clarinet performance from the University of North Texas, where she studied with Phillip O. Paglialonga, Kimberly Cole Luevano, and Gregory Raden of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

During her time at UNT, Ms. Hooks performed and recorded with the North Texas Wind Symphony, Opera Orchestra, and Concert and Symphony Orchestras, and participated in numerous summer orchestral festivals. Her honors include receiving the prestigious Stanley Drucker Award, presented by Buffet Crampon CEO François Kloc, and winning First Prize in the Lamar University Young Soloist Competition.

Professionally, she has performed with and served as a substitute musician for the Austin Symphony Orchestra, McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony of Southeast Texas, and Lone Star Wind Orchestra. An active member of the International Clarinet Association and Texas Music Educators Association, Ms. Hooks maintains a select private studio of clarinet students and is passionate about mentoring young musicians.

Outside of music, she enjoys hiking Texas trails, reading, exploring Austin coffee shops, and spending time with her shih-tzu, Lucy. In addition to her musical pursuits, she proudly serves as a Budget Analyst for the State of Texas.

