

Joel Mikkel Simonsen received his first violin lessons at the age of 8 with Søren Steensgaard at the Aarhus Music School in Denmark - following the Suzuki Method. After having taken private lessons with professor Milan Vitek and several master classes with Nikolaj Znaider, amongst others, Mikkel was accepted to the Royal Conservatory of Music Aarhus (Denmark) in the spring of 2000, where he subsequently started studying in the class of professor Johannes Søren-Hansen. After having completed a Bachelor of Arts in Aarhus, Mikkel completed a Master of Arts degree at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (Austria), studying with professor Sylvia Viertel. In 2014, having changed to the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (in the class of professor Ernst Kovacic), Mikkel finished his Bachelor of Arts Pedagogy in 2015 and has since been studying to complete a Master in this field.

Joel Mikkel Simonsen has a very active performance and teaching life, with many private students at all levels, and a performance career featuring him mainly as an orchestra musician, but also regularly as a concertmaster, soloist- and chambermusician with concerts in Europa and Japan.