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Parting Shot

On the cover—Birmingham-Southern’s new First Lady Karen Bentley Pollick (with violin at left) manages to balance her busy life as wife of BSC President Dr. David Pollick with her unique career as a violinist, violist, conductor, and pianist. Six years ago, Bentley Pollick began to explore her musical ancestry—playing the hardangerfele (cover photo). Read more about this unusual instrument and the passionate pursuits of BSC’s first lady beginning on page 14.