

Violinist Ronald Mutchnik graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore County summa cum laude, where he studied with Robert Gerle. While there, he won the Baltimore Music Club's and Baltimore Musicians' competitions. He earned his master's degree from the New England Conservatory, where he studied with Joseph Gingold and Masuko Ushioda. He continued post-graduate studies at Tel Aviv University in Israel with Yair Kless.

A resident of Howard County since 1983, Muchnik is active as an orchestral violinist, chamber musician, recitalist, and soloist. He has served as concertmaster and assistant concertmaster with the Maryland Symphony, National Chamber Orchestra, Handel Choir's and the Columbia Pro Cantare's festival orchestras, and the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra. He has appeared as a soloist with numerous orchestras in Maryland, as well as orchestras in Louisiana, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Minnesota. He appeared in the film "Washington Square", performing his own composition, and was a featured soloist for the Maryland Ballet Theater, and performed in Maryland and Alabama in a special recital, "Music of the Jewish Soul." His recent performance of the Bach Chaconne at the Baltimore Bach Concert Series was described by Michael Lawrence, creator and director of the critically acclaimed movie Bach & Friends, as a "nuanced and expressive" interpretation that "holds up with the best performances I have heard."

Mutchnik has taught in several universities and colleges and currently teaches privately and at Towson University where he has been an adjunct faculty member for music education since 2010. He was President of the American String Teacher's Association's Maryland/DC Chapter and produced a video for violinists and violists entitled "Posture & Balance: The Dynamic Duo," and is currently at work on a video on fifteen principles of violin playing. He has also toured Korea, coaching and performing chamber music.

He is a founding member of the Sundays At Three chamber music series in Columbia, and is its artistic director. In 2008, he formed the Orchestra of St. John's, now called the Howard County Concert Orchestra, the county's first all professional chamber orchestra. In 2009, Mutchnik received the Howard County Arts Council's "Howie" as outstanding artist of the year.