

Kay Stern



Kay Stern is currently the Concertmaster of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, a position she has held since 1994. Kay Stern has served as assistant to Dorothy DeLay at the Aspen Music Festival, assistant to the Juilliard Quartet at the Juilliard School, has been a faculty member at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the University of San Francisco. Kay has taught and coached at various music festivals around the world, and has been in residence at Wellesley College and San Diego State University.

Kay has been featured on television and radio. She has appeared in PBS's "Live from Lincoln Center," CNN's "Women Today," Minnesota Public Radio's Garrison Keillor "A Prairie Home Companion," "St. Paul Sunday Morning," WQXR-NY Robert Sherman's Listening Room. Kay has contributed to several articles in Chamber Music America.

As former first violinist and founding member of the Lark String Quartet, she performed and gave master classes throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Some of Kay's Concertmaster positions have included The Orchestra of St. Luke's, Concordia at Lincoln Center, Cabrillo Music Festival, Cleveland Chamber Symphony and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra. She regularly plays as Concertmaster for the many movie sound tracks and video games recorded at George Lucas' Skywalker Ranch.

Kay is an active chamber musician, collaborating with colleagues in numerous venues in and around the Bay Area. She regularly plays in fund raising events and has helped raise money for medical research, schools, arts organizations, student orchestras and political fund raisers. Some of the educational and community programs she has participated in include the New York Philharmonic Musical Arts Experience, Young Audiences of NY Children's Programs, Lincoln Center Student Programs and the Minnesota School & Resource Center for the Arts Touring Program, Seaside Music Academy, and Pacifica School Volunteers.

Kay attended the Juilliard School as a student of Dorothy DeLay. While there she received full scholarships for her Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degree programs. She also studied with Michael Davis at Ohio State University.

Kay Stern's concerto and chamber music recordings can be heard on Phillips, Nonesuch, Innova, MusicMasters, Koch International and Gramma Vision.

Kay resides in Pacifica, California with her daughter.