

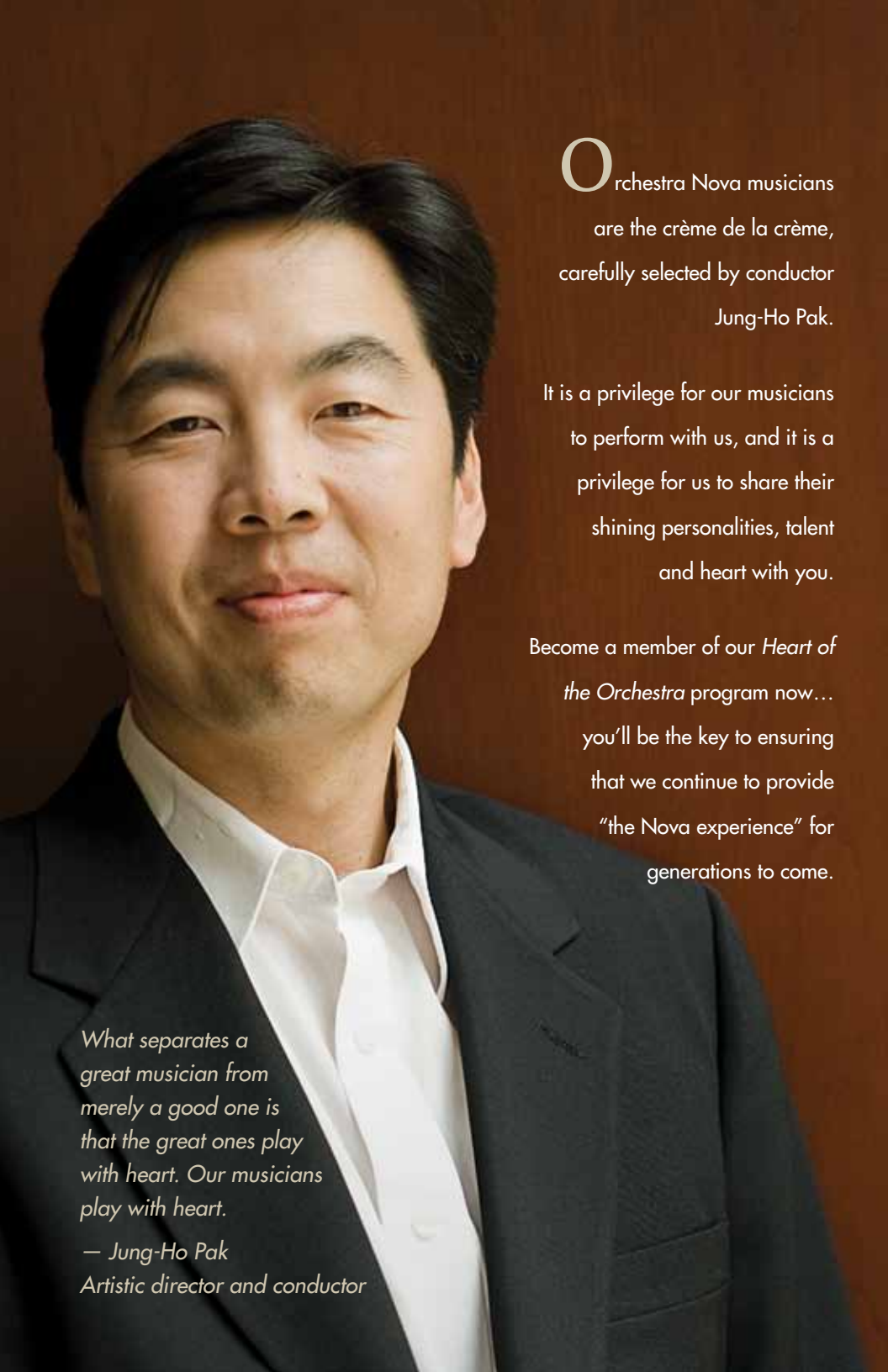
HEART OF THE --- ORCHESTRA



Your chance to give in a personal way.

ORCHESTRA *Nova*
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JUNG-HO PAK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR / CONDUCTOR



Orchestra Nova musicians are the crème de la crème, carefully selected by conductor Jung-Ho Pak.

It is a privilege for our musicians to perform with us, and it is a privilege for us to share their shining personalities, talent and heart with you.

Become a member of our *Heart of the Orchestra* program now... you'll be the key to ensuring that we continue to provide "the Nova experience" for generations to come.

What separates a great musician from merely a good one is that the great ones play with heart. Our musicians play with heart.

*— Jung-Ho Pak
Artistic director and conductor*

HEART OF THE ORCHESTRA

Our orchestra is not simply the sum of our musicians playing together. Instead, we view each player as an individual star. It is the joy of music-making that each of these talented individuals exudes which truly defines the heart and soul of a family we call Orchestra Nova.

Our *Heart of the Orchestra* program gives you a special opportunity to become acquainted with one of our stars and to be an integral part of our mission to present entertaining classical music played with heart.

To join *Heart of the Orchestra* you can choose to support a musician or associate conductor for \$5,000 or give \$20,000 to sponsor conductor Jung-Ho Pak. We will provide opportunities throughout the season to help you forge a special bond with one of Orchestra Nova's exceptional musicians or conductors.

Benefits of Musician or Assistant Conductor Sponsorship - \$5,000

- Enjoy dinner with your sponsored musician
- Attend a rehearsal, be introduced to all the musicians as an honored guest
- Receive a special photo of yourself with your sponsored musician
- Receive a signed CD from your musician of their favorite music
- Receive priority invitations to VIP receptions and special events
- Your name in the concert program and on our sponsor display at concerts
- Your name and photo on our web site and in other materials
- Opportunities throughout the year for one-on-one interaction with your star, such as sitting at their table at one of our fundraisers or joining them on a backstage tour

Benefits of Jung-Ho Pak Sponsorship - \$20,000

- All of the above plus:
- Private dinner with Jung-Ho Pak
- Limited edition signed photograph of the orchestra
- Special party/reception for you and your close friends
- Recognition of you from the stage by Jung-Ho Pak at a concert

Call Beverly Lambert at 858-350-0290
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Associate conductor



Working with Jung-Ho is a joy! We have known each other for a number of years and I have always been impressed by how personable he is and, of course, his incredible leadership and artistry. Orchestra Nova continues to break the mold with refreshing, creative and exciting concerts. I am honored to be a part of Nova's bright future.

*— Dana Zimbric,
Associate conductor*



I said to the musicians, 'I want you to look and feel like star. Dress like a star.' So we break some rules – we aren't in tuxedos. Our image is about being hip, whether you are in your 20s or your 60s.

-Jung-Ho Pak




ALEXANDER PALAMIDIS — *Concertmaster*

Birthplace: Istanbul, Turkey

Interests: Eastern philosophies, Greek history, archaeology, violins, movies, travel, French cartoons, science

Favorite Food: Vegetarian (Mediterranean, Thai, Indian)

Favorite Sports: Racquetball, tennis

Listens To: Classical, Japanese jazz fusion, classic rock, Brazilian jazz

Books I've Enjoyed: *Le violon interieur*, *The Gift*, *Asterix* (French cartoon)

Favorite Movies: *Whale Rider*, *Mostly Martha*, *The Gods Must Be Crazy*

Proudest Moment: First solo performance with orchestra at age 14

Favorite Memory: I have been fortunate – I have too many to list

Surprising Facts: I can find humor in anything


HEALY HENDERSON — *Assistant concertmaster*

Birthplace: Dana Point, California

Family: Parents, two sisters, nieces and nephews, dog

Interests: Sailing, surfing, horseback riding, traveling, running, kayaking, cycling

Favorite Composers: Prokofiev, Shostakovich

Favorite Foods: Thai and Mexican

Listens To: All of David Oistrach's and Leonid Kogan's violin recordings...and anything that helps me have a better run/workout

Books I've Enjoyed: Gogols' *Dead Souls*, Slocum's *Sailing Around the World*, Paul Theroux's *The Happy Islands of Oceania*

Favorite Movies: *Medicine Man*, *Chocolat* and old pirate movies

Proudest Moments: Finishing my first marathon and watching one of my students become a great violinist

Favorite Memories: Playing a joint concert with the Vienna Philharmonic as part of the Salzburg Festival and sailing in the South Pacific

Surprising Facts: I used to play the oboe and English horn and was a biology major in college

Violins



HERNAN CONSTANTINO — *Principal second violin*

Birthplace: Philippines

Family: Wife, two daughters

Interests: Teaching, Padres, Chargers, golf

Favorite Composers: Rachmaninoff, Bach

Favorite Food: All!

Favorite Sports: Baseball, golf

Listens To: Classical, jazz, light pop

Favorite Movies: *Star Wars*, *The Red Violin*, the Bourne series

Proudest Moment: The birth of my daughters



ANDREA ALTONA — *Violin*

Birthplace: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Family: Son

Interests: Scuba diving (particularly with sharks), animals, tennis, reading, walking

Favorite Composers: Prokofiev, Barber, Bach

Favorite Foods: Curry, chocolate, cheese

Listens To: James Taylor, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Joan Osborne

Books I've Enjoyed: Jon Stewart's *America*, *Being in Balance* by Dr. Wayne Dyer, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown

Favorite Movie: *The Wizard of Oz*

A Favorite Memory: The night I played my purple electric violin with my rock band and we won the "Battle of the Bands"

Surprising Fact: I have a Master's degree in Business Administration; I have worked as a stock broker and a mortgage broker. Also, I once had over 100 pets.


KARLA CONTRERAS — *Violin/Viola*

Birthplace: San Pedro, California

Family: Husband, two sons and one daughter

Interests: Hiking, biking, playing soccer

Favorite Composer: Shostakovich

Favorite Food: Mexican

Listens To: I only listen to our toddler songs!

Books I've Enjoyed: *Hypnobirthing*, *Happiest Baby on the Block*, *Week by Week Pregnancy*. Who has time for leisurely reading? It's all about survival!

Favorite Movies: *Cars*, *Spanglish*

Proudest Moment: Giving birth

Favorite Memory: I have lots of fun memories of childhood; one is sledding down the steep, ice plant-covered slope in our back canyon with my brother, sister, and neighborhood friends


TRICIA LEE — *Violin*

Birthplace: Korea

Interests: Listening to music, shopping, cooking, going to the market, magazines, being in the company of good friends

Favorite Composers: Brahms, Mahler

Favorite Food: Sushi, fish, cheese, wine, produce from the Farmer's Market

Favorite Sports: Swimming, jogging

Listens To: World music, Latin, jazz, bossa nova, oldies, classical, electronica

Books I've Enjoyed: I enjoy reading anything interesting, insightful and informative

Favorite Movies: Anything romantic with a happy ending

Violins



ROBERT SCHUMITZKY — *Violin*

Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri

Family: Engaged to Erin Breene, three children

Interests: Ice hockey, snow skiing, hiking, tennis, golf, baseball, poker, travel

Favorite Composers: Brahms, Mahler, Ravel, Mozart, Debussy

Favorite Foods: Chicago hot dog, St. Louis BBQ, a great steak from Flemings, Burger Lounge

Favorite Sports: Ice hockey, baseball, tennis, golf

Listens To: *The Police Greatest Hits*, Enya, James Taylor, Sting, Madonna, Nick Drake, Gregory Page, U2, Mahler No. 9

Books I've Enjoyed: *The Company*, *The Feast of Love*, *New California Wine*

Favorite Movies: *Schindler's List*, *Shawshank Redemption*, *Pulp Fiction*

Proudest Moment: Here's two to share: 1) when my family came to see me perform in my first orchestra job in Columbus, Ohio; 2) when I was finally able to purchase my Stradivarius violin

Favorite Memory: Spending time with my father on Sunday mornings. We'd play a round of golf, eat hot dogs and do yard work. He passed away in 1987.

Surprising Facts: I have played ice hockey since I was a kid. I also love forensic police work and I put myself through the Policy Academy several years ago.



YVONNE SHAY — *Violin*

Birthplace: China

Family: Only child, parents

Interests: Reading, learning, keeping up with the latest technology

Favorite Composer: Bizet

Favorite San Diego Restaurant: *Bice* in downtown San Diego

Favorite Sports: Anything that doesn't require a lot of movement from me

Listens To: Classical and movie soundtracks

Books I've Enjoyed: *Portabella Witch* by Paolo Cuejo, *Histories* by Herodotus, *Calvin & Hobbes*

Favorite Movies: *Thomas Crown Affair*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Love Me If You Dare*

Proudest Moment: Whenever I have just finished a good concert

Favorite Memory: Winning two competitions back to back in one week

Surprising Facts: I read *The Economist*, *Wired* and get up in the morning to watch the stock market. I like bunnies. I chase after them whenever I see them.



*Performing is one of the ultimate challenges of my life.
Through my career in music I have learned
self-discipline, how to mentally focus and how to
express my emotions. After facing the challenges of a
performing career, the rest of life seems easy!*

— Mary Barranger

Violas



QING LIANG — *Principal viola*

Birthplace: Shanghai, China

Family: Wife, two daughters

Interests: Golf, playing cards, blackjack

Favorite Composer: Brahms

Favorite Food: Thai, Indian

Favorite Sports: Golf

Favorite Memory: Playing golf

Surprising Fact: I can get wild!



CHI-YUAN CHEN — *Viola*

Birthplace: Taipei, Taiwan

Interests: Cooking

Favorite Foods: Taiwanese

A Favorite Memory: My childhood musical experience with friends playing chamber music

Surprising Facts: I've played trombone in the Taiwanese army band, I've been a semifinalist of a billiard competition in Taiwan

What do you like about Orchestra Nova? Lots of energy and spontaniety in rehearsals



I love the challenge of being a musical chameleon, changing from one moment to the next (reflecting on playing with my favorite rock band, STYX, singing on the Letterman show and playing with the orchestra).

— Suzanne Kennedy


JUDITH HENDERSHOTT — *Violin/Viola*

Birthplace: Findlay, Ohio

Family: Daughter, two cats

Interests: Geology, rocks, Chinese painting, cooking

Favorite Composers: Too many to list

Favorite Food: Indian vegetarian, Mexican, strawberry rhubarb pie

Favorite Sports: Hiking (especially in the desert), ping pong

Listens To: Roby Laratos, opera (vinyl), great violinists of the early 20th century, *Coyote Tales*

Books I've Enjoyed: Saki short stories, *Annals of a Former World* by John McPhee, *Adventures of an Inventor* by Jacob Fraden, *Summer at Tiffany* by Marc Hart (local cellist)

Favorite Movies: *Latcho Drom*, *Thief of Baghdad*, *Babette's Feast*

Favorite Memories: Listening to my dad play his accordion; seeing my daughter for the first time

Surprising Fact: I worked for several years as film editor for TV stations


LINDA PIATT — *Viola*

Birthplace: Topeka, Kansas

Family: Husband and son

Interests: Yoga, rock climbing, cats, cooking

Favorite Composers: Shostakovich, Prokofiev, J.S. Bach and a new-found interest in Telemann

Favorite Foods: Sashimi platters, Thai food, anything spicy. I'm also not above enjoying a good bacon cheeseburger.

Favorite Sports: To watch: surfing and football; to do myself: rock climbing

Books I've Enjoyed: *Getting Things Done*, *The World is Flat*, *Secret History*, *The Perfect Wrong Note*

Favorite Movies: *The Godfather*, *Memento*, *Amelie*

Proudest Moment: Getting married and having our wonderful son, climbing up Taquitz rock, hearing my students at their recitals

Cellos



ERIN BREENE — *Principal cello*

Birthplace: Waupaca, Wisconsin

Family: Engaged to Robert Schumitzky, parents, brother and two great cats

Interests: Running, hiking, almost anything that involves being outdoors, tennis

Favorite Composers: Beethoven (especially late string quartets), Brahms, Faure

Favorite Foods: Sushi, Indian food, wine!

Listens To: Lots of Bob Dylan, Aimee Mann, Imogen Heap, Rufus Wainwright, Rachael Yamagata, Damien Rice...

Books I've Enjoyed: *Feast of Love* by Charles Baxter, *Immortality* and *Slowness* by Milan Kundera

Favorite Movies: *Sideways*, *Being John Malkovich*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

Proudest Moments: Every time I give a good performance, I feel happy with myself and grateful that I am able to spend my life playing music. I also remember feeling pretty proud when I found out that I was accepted at Juilliard for my graduate work.

Surprising Fact: I am a HUGE Bob Dylan fan



MARY ALICE HENDRICKS — *Cello*

Birthplace: Portland, Oregon

Family: Husband, daughter, son, dog, cat, two guinea pigs

Interests: Bike rides with my children, reading, volleyball

Favorite Composers: Brahms, Dvorak

Favorite Food: Mediterranean

Listens To: *The Bobs* a cappella group, *Die Moldau* by Smetana, The Mamas and the Papas, Norah Jones

Books I've Enjoyed: *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson, *Ines of My Soul* by Isabel Allende

Favorite Movies: *King of Hearts*, *My Left Foot*, *Eye of the Needle*

Proudest Moment: When I finished my thesis in graduate school

Favorite Memory: A spa trip to northern California with college friends

Surprising Facts: I speak German, traveled to Kenya for my job and have a Master's degree in Public Administration



MICHAEL WAISS — *Principal bass*

Birthplace: San Francisco, California

Family: Wife, two sons and one daughter

Interests: History, church choir, piano, the double bass as a solo instrument

Favorite Composers: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, R. Strauss, Ravel, Debussy

Favorite Foods: Far East, Indian, Asian

Favorite Sports: Ice skating, sailing, biking

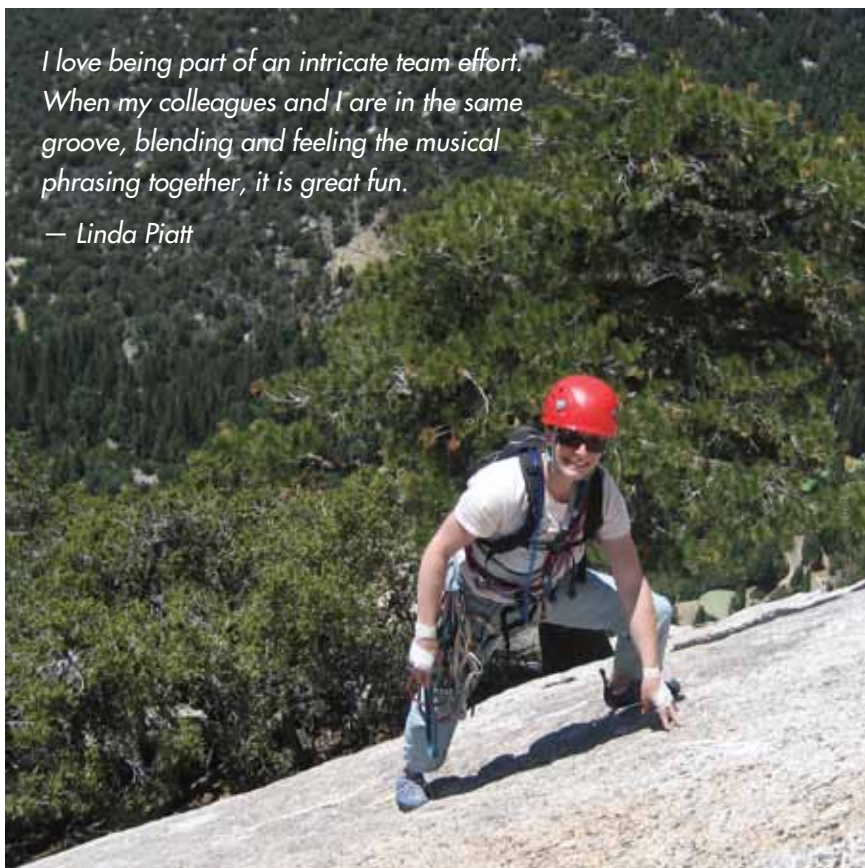
Books I've Enjoyed: *White Jacket*, *Redburn* and *Imoo*

Favorite Movies: *Dearly Beloved*, *The Man Who Would Be King*, *King of Kings*

Favorite Memory: Family gatherings

I love being part of an intricate team effort. When my colleagues and I are in the same groove, blending and feeling the musical phrasing together, it is great fun.

— Linda Pratt



Flutes



BETH ROSS-BUCKLEY — *Principal flute*

Birthplace: Crookston, Minnesota

Family: Husband, son, daughter

Interests: Photography, travel, reading, family, hiking

Favorite Composers: Bach, Piazzolla

Favorite Food: Chocolate, cheese, bread

Listens To: Everything except rap and marches

Books I've Enjoyed: *The Kite Runner*, *Saving Fish from Drowning*, *Mary Magdeline*

Favorite Movies: *American Pastime*, *Amelie*, *Like Water for Chocolate*

Proudest Moment: Watching my kids perform on the piano

Favorite Memory: A magical day in Rocamadour, France with my family



SUZANNE KENNEDY — *Flute/Piccolo*

Birthplace: Bismarck, North Dakota

Family: Husband, son, daughter, stepdaughter and more

Interests: Fitness, spending time with my family, shopping for anything (except at Home Depot), eating; sports: swimming, gymnastics, ice dancing, college basketball

Favorite Composers: Ravel, Rachmaninoff, Barber

Favorite Foods: Thai, Mexican, seafood

Favorite San Diego Restaurant: *Miguel's* in Coronado for their shrimp enchiladas!

Listens To: Kansas, Daughtry, Matt Maher, Wicked, Aida, Jekyll & Hyde

Favorite Movies: *The Wizard of Oz*, *Shaun of the Dead* all Disney movies

Favorite Memory: Running wild in Las Vegas with Brandon and Sarah

Surprising Fact: I also have a career as a singer



SUSAN BARRETT — *Principal oboe*

Birthplace: Hartford, Connecticut

Family: Husband

Interests: Reiki Tummo coordinator

Favorite Composers: Mozart, Bach

Favorite Foods: Chinese, chocolate with nuts

Favorite San Diego Restaurant: *Panda Country*

Favorite Sports: Yoga, chi gong

Books I've Enjoyed: *One Night Stands with American History* by Richard Shenkman and Kurt Reiger

Favorite Movies: *Raising Arizona*, *Brokeback Mountain* and many foreign films

Proudest Moment: Performing as a soloist, live on radio broadcasts in Israel, France, Yugoslavia and Germany

Surprising Fact: I still don't know how to make a good oboe reed (just kidding)!



ANDREA OVERTURF — *Oboe/English Horn*

Birthplace: Seattle, Washington

Family: Only child, parents

Interests: Riding and showing American Quarter Horses, painting, cooking, wine tasting

Favorite Composers: Stravinsky, Barber, Brahms, Bach

Favorite Foods: Cheese, wine, sushi, any shellfish

Favorite San Diego Restaurants: *Ichiban Sushi*, *Arrivederci's*, *Urban Moe's*

Listens To: A little of everything including Imogen Heap, David Bowie, Bjork, Stereolab, Iron+Wine, Oingo Boingo, Janis Joplin, Nick Drake

Books I've Enjoyed: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris, *The Stranger Beside Me* by Ann Rule, *It's Always Something* by Gilda Radner

Favorite Movies: *Amelie*, *Edward Scissorhands*

Favorite Memory: Coming half of a point from World Champion in my event at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championships when I was 17

Clarinets



FRANK RENK — *Principal clarinet*

Birthplace: Liverpool, England

Family: Wife, two sons

Interests: Golf

Favorite Composers: Mahler, Mozart

Favorite Food: ALL – or maybe Mexican

Favorite Sports: Golf, baseball

Books I've Enjoyed: Harry Potter #7, Patrick O'Brian's novels

Favorite Movies: Don't know – I haven't seen anything but kids movies lately

Proudest Moment: Recording great music and touring all around the world with great orchestras

Favorite Memory: When each of my boys was born

Surprising Fact: My passion for what I do after doing it for 25 years. I feel the same about what I do now as I did when I was a nervous kid playing my first professional jobs – just not as nervous anymore.



ROBERT ZELICKMAN — *Clarinet*

Birthplace: Detroit, Michigan

Family: Wife, daughter

Interests: Trying out new restaurants, traveling

Favorite Composers: Mozart, Nielsen

Favorite Foods: Hamburgers

Books I've Enjoyed: *The Secret Life of Musical Notation: Defying Interpretive Traditions* by Roberto Poli, *The Cambridge Guide to Jewish History, Religion, and Culture*

Favorite Movies: *Guys & Dolls*, *Come September*

Proudest Moment: Playing keltzmer music for a full house in Copley Symphony Hall with Jung-Ho conducting the San Diego Symphony

Favorite Memories: My daughter's first word: "Da Da" and conducting my kindergarten class in a song while using a pencil as a baton

Surprising Fact: I conduct and lecture on music at UCSD, where I have been a lecturer since 1983



RYAN SIMMONS — *Principal bassoon*

Birthplace: Huntington Beach, California

Family: Wife, parrot

Interests: Yoga, tennis, surfing, teaching privately

Favorite Composers: Bach, Shostakovich, Haydn

Favorite Foods: Sushi, Indian

Books I've Enjoyed: *Cold Mountain*, *The Reader*,

Anna Karenina

Favorite Movies: *Vatel*, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Being John Malkovich*

Proudest Moment: Winning my first big audition

Favorite Memory: Getting a drum set at Christmas when I was eight years old

Surprising Fact: I really wanted to be a drummer in a rock band



DAVID SAVAGE — *Bassoon/Contrabassoon*

Birthplace: Rolling Meadows, Illinois

Family: Married with adult children

Interests: Tree sculpting, computers, baking bread, stargazing

Favorite Composers: Edgar Varese, György Ligeti, Harry Partch, Arvo Pärt, Samuel Barber, too many others to name

Favorite San Diego Restaurants: Was the *Belgian Lion* until chef retired (sigh), now *The Bungalow*

Favorite Sports: Hiking, camping, mountaineering, rock climbing, kayaking, golf

Listens To: Always changing, but currently *The microtonal music of Ezra Sims*, *Akademie für Alte Musik, Berlin: Kunst der Fuge*, *Source: music of the avant garde, 1968-71*

Books I've Enjoyed: *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, *Origin of Consciousness*

Favorite Movies: *El Mariachi* (Rodriguez 1993 version), *El Topo* and *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover*

Proudest Moment: Son graduating

Favorite Memories: Listening to my mother's records; ice skating for miles on a creek and lake in Wisconsin; scaling the east face of Mt. Whitney with a friend, also hiking to the peak of Popocatepetl near Mexico City

French Horn



JOHN LORGE — *French Horn*

Birthplace: Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Family: Wife, two sons

Interests: House remodeling, carpentry, composing/arranging

Favorite Composers: Mozart, Frank Zappa, Stravinsky

Favorite Foods: I am omnivorous. But no sea cucumber, please!

Favorite Sports: Golf, cow tipping

Books I've Enjoyed: *Evenings with the Orchestra* by Hector Berlioz, *Miles Beyond* by Percy Troupe, *Einstein's Violin* by Josef Eger

Favorite Movies: *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The Sting*

Proudest Moments: Performing Shostakovich cello concerts with M. Rostropovich (1989)

Surprising Facts: I have a jazz/rock background and we also raise chickens, roosters and lop-eared rabbits



Music brings people joy. It touches the most inner part of our heart/feeling. It is an international language that can be understood and appreciated by anyone in the world.

— Yvonne Shay



JOHN MACFERRAN WILDS — *Principal trumpet*

Birthplace: Seattle, Washington

Family: Wife and daughter

Interests: Cooking, travel, bicycling, hiking, historic architecture, calligraphy, railroads

Favorite Composers: Hindemith, Mozart, Henze, Palestrina, Stravinsky, Bernstein

Favorite Foods: Smoked salmon, risotto, cassoulet, Basque cuisine

Favorite Sports: Motor racing, ice hockey, football, gymnastics

Listens To: *Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band, Gaelic Storm, Hakan Hardenberger, Lee Morgan, Led Zeppelin, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Westwind Brass*

Books I've Enjoyed: *Anthology of American Fiction* ed. by Stephen King, *A History of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad*

Favorite Movies: *Le Mans, Tunes of Glory, Waking Ned Devine*

A Favorite Memory: Playing hide and seek in the ruins of a 15th century castle in Portugal with my wife and daughter, in the high-altitude fog

Surprising Fact: I was a professional cook



FRANK GLASSON — *Trumpet*

Birthplace: La Jolla, California

Family: Wife and son

Interests: Competitive cycling, scuba diving

Favorite Composer: Mahler

Favorite Food: Linguini with clams, Mexican food

Favorite San Diego Restaurant: *Pamplemousse Grille* in my hometown of Solana Beach

Favorite Movies: *As Good As It Gets, Antonia's Line, Forrest Gump*

Proudest Moments: The day my son was born and winning the principal trumpet job in the Gewandhaus Radio Orchestra in Leipzig, Germany

Favorite Memories: Playing Beethoven's Ninth with the Leipziger Chorus in the Gewandhaus while playing with the Radio Orchestra, the day my son was born and hanging out with my family

Surprising Fact: I am the president of the Musicians Union

Timpani/Percussion



PAT PIFFNER — *Principal timpani/Percussion*

Birthplace: Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Family: Wife, two sons, three grandchildren

Interests: Golf, long distance running, genealogy (I have published a family history), anything to do with percussion

Favorite Composers: Ravel, Rimsky-Korsakov, Bernstein, Thelonious Monk

Favorite Foods: Anything Mexican or Italian, red wines

Favorite San Diego Restaurant: C level restaurant on Harbor Island (right next to Island Prime) late early evening to sunset. Fabulous view of San Diego Bay in the evening and a really nice wine list!

Favorite Sports: NFL or college football, golf

Books I've Enjoyed: *The Jesus Papers* by Michael Baigent, *The Collectors* by David Baldacci, *The Emperor of Oak Park*

Favorite Movies: *Young Frankenstein*, *Men in Black* (the first one), *Ben Hur*

Surprising Fact: Classical music is not necessarily my only passion – I love Broadway shows and Big Band jazz just as much



My greatest musical triumph started when I realized how I bring importance to every rehearsal, concert and practice.

— Michael Wais



ELENA MASHKOVTSEVA — *Principal Harp*

Birthplace: Moscow, Russia

Family: Husband, daughter

Interests: Cooking, reading, being outdoors, travel

Favorite Composers: Bach, Mahler, Brahms

Favorite Sports: Olympics

Listens To: A little bit of everything

Books I've Enjoyed: *A Train to Potemka* by Mike Ramsdell, *Made in America* by Bill Bryson

Favorite Movie: *Roman Holiday*

Proudest Moments: When my daughter was born and winning first place in a harp competition

Favorite Memories: Growing up in Russia and travels around Europe



MARY BARRANGER — *Principal piano, Celeste, Harpsichord*

Birthplace: Charleston, West Virginia

Family: Sweetheart of 20 years, two brothers, 91-year-old Dad

Interests: Quilting, growing orchids, logic puzzles, entertaining, hiking in Mammoth, yoga

Favorite Composers: Whatever I'm playing at the moment

Favorite Foods: Asian fusion, California cuisine, Mexican

Books I've Enjoyed: *Zahir* by Paulo Coelho, *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

Favorite Movies: *The Fighter*, *Across the Universe*, *House of Sand and Fog*

Proudest Moments: Being a part of the finest musical ensembles in San Diego

Favorite Memories: Listening to classical music with my parents and my older brother by the light of the fireplace and telling stories about what we hear in the music



I have played with many different orchestras and conductors throughout the world, and playing in Orchestra Nova with Jung-Ho has been the most fulfilling, interesting and artistically satisfying experience of my career, due to the Orchestra's VISION.

— Frank Glasson

Musical Inspirations

Judith Hendershott — I love the challenges of making music – both in conquering the technical problems and in discovering and bringing forth the spirit of the piece.

Healy Henderson — Having the chance to share my passion for music with people gives purpose to the years and years of practicing. It allows me to communicate with a very diverse group of people that I would not have had the chance to meet otherwise.

Mary Alice Hendricks — I perform to connect with others on a level beyond spoken language. The language of music is easy to understand, for everyone.

Robert Zelickman — It's in my soul to perform.

David Savage — Music has always seemed to be the most interesting and fun way of putting my voice, an ongoing project, into a space. I love being a communicating creature in the forest, connecting with others: listening, responding...finding my way here and there.

Karla Contreras — It's a great experience to be able to make music with friends and colleagues that I respect and enjoy working with.

Tricia Lee — Having my first great chamber music experience was a real eye-opener. It was when I first experienced what it really means to communicate with another musician. There can be so much joy!

Alexander Palamidis — Every time I get a chance to perform and express myself in a way that evokes positive emotions in even one person, I feel blessed and happy.

John MacFerran Wilds — I am hopelessly addicted to the heroic/romantic nature of my instrument. I love to take the ideas of composers and give them life in the present.

Pat Pfiffner — Why does a musician perform? For many, the reason 'why' is much simpler than the 'how.' As for me, it's what I do and who I am.

Andrea Altona — A pushy orchestra conductor accosted me in the halls of my elementary school, promising me fame and fortune. Then she told me they were all out of flutes and shoved a violin in my hand. The rest is kind of a blur.

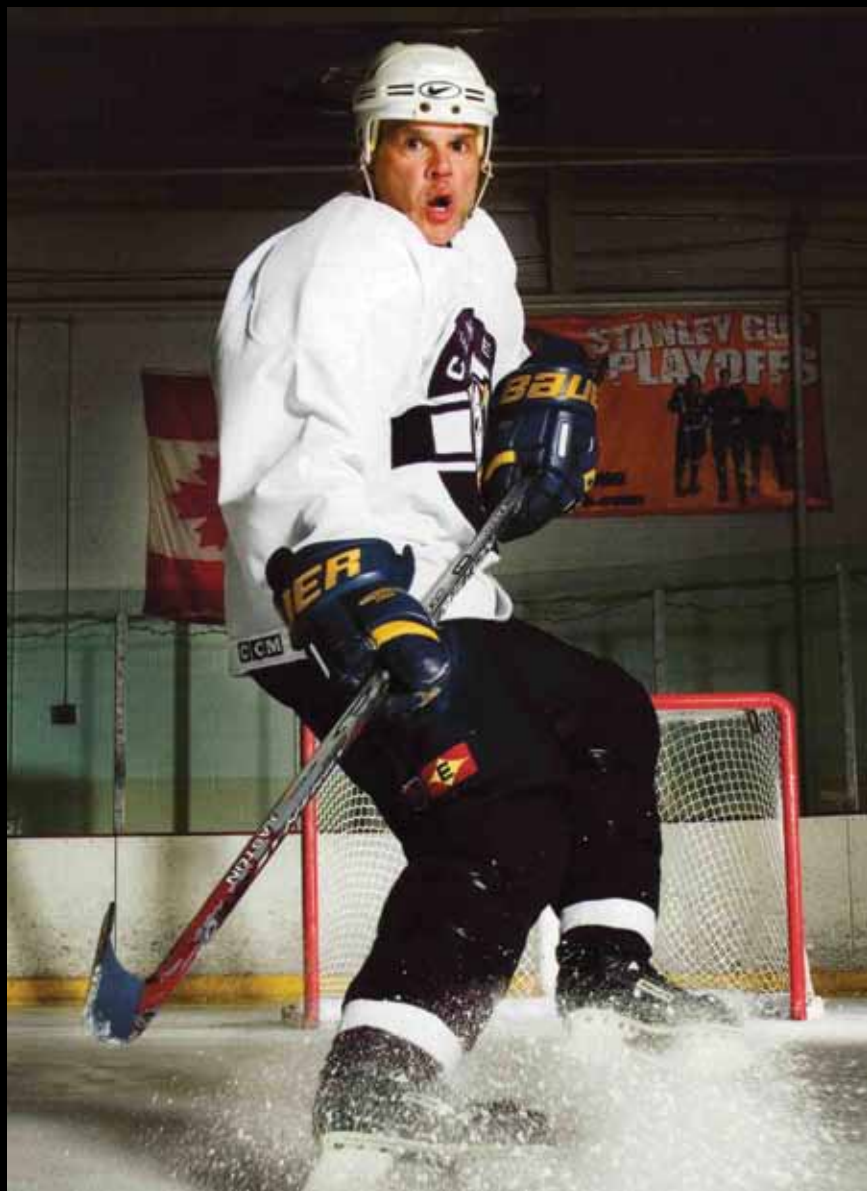
Erin Breene — In live concert situations, the performer has to "give life" to the written notes. It is an act of spontaneity, creative force and energy. When performers can join together in a harmonious union, I find that the artistic product is unforgettable.

Susan Barrett — Performing comes easily to me. I love to see people smile and I love to smile.

Frank Renk — Performing gives me a sense of fulfillment that is hard to get elsewhere. It is not unlike hitting the game-winning home run; we get that feeling every time we perform. It is vocation and avocation rolled into one.

Ryan Simmons — I was introduced to music by my dad who had a huge record collection growing up.

John Lorge — It is impossible to say why I perform. I suppose I have to in some way.



Orchestra Nova, and Jung-Ho in particular, provides a unique opportunity for musicians to be expressive in ways that a traditional orchestra wouldn't allow. Jung-Ho gives musicians the freedom to take artistic risks which allows us to explore music in greater detail. The end result is that we provide a much more engaging and exciting concert experience for our audience.

— Robert Schumitzky