

## **RICHARD FLEISCHMAN, viola**

### **2010 BIOGRAPHY**

Born in New York City, Richard Fleischman studied on scholarship at the Juilliard School with William Lincer, where he received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees. Further viola and chamber music studies were with Joseph De Pasquale and Felix Galimir at the Curtis Institute of Music, conducting with Max Rudolf and Sergiu Celibidache in Germany, and composition with Vincent Persichetti in New York. As soloist on both the viola and viola d'amore, Mr. Fleischman has appeared with numerous orchestras around the world, including the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, the AIMS Orchestra in Graz, Austria; the Curtis Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Pops, the Colorado Philharmonic, the San Francisco Concerto Orchestra, and the Miami Symphony Orchestra. Highlights of his career include a gala string quartet concert for the President and First Lady of Germany, and as conductor of New World Chamber Orchestra for vice-president Al Gore; and as viola soloist on live German television. He has given solo and chamber music recitals in the US and Europe. Since 2006, he has been a member of the Delray String Quartet, performing to outstanding reviews. Mr. Fleischman is the long-time principal violist of the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra, frequent guest principal violist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic, was a member of the San Francisco Symphony and performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra. Since 1996, he has been Professor of Viola at Miami's New World School of the Arts, and has given master classes at conservatories and universities throughout the world. He is also an active recording artist, having collaborated with artists such as Michael Jackson, Gloria Estefan, Julio Iglesias and Placido Domingo. He also participated in the San Francisco Symphony's recordings on London/Decca between 1990-1995. With the Delray String Quartet, he can be heard on an all-Dvorak CD on the Poinciana label. He plays a viola made for him by Hiroshi Iizuka in 2008. Mr. Fleischman lives in Miami, Florida and Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico.