

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

RICHARD FLEISCHMAN, violist, has received numerous honors in his 25-year career, most notably the Windsor Prize, personally awarded to him by Leonard Bernstein, and the Edward Steuermann Memorial Prize, the highest award bestowed by The Juilliard School. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School, Fleischman has appeared as viola and viola d'amore soloist with orchestras such as the Miami Symphony, Colorado Philharmonic, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia and San Francisco Concerto Orchestra. Highlights of his career include a concert for the President and First Lady of Germany; as conductor of New World Chamber Orchestra for vice-president Al Gore; as viola soloist on live German television, and performances as principal violist with Leonard Bernstein conducting, one which was a televised concert at the 1988 Proms from Royal Albert Hall. Professor of Viola at Miami's New World School of the Arts since 1996, his viola students have achieved great success as soloists, chamber musicians and teachers. He currently performs as violist of the Delray String Quartet and, since 1990, as principal violist of the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. He is a former member of the San Francisco Symphony, performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra and was guest principal violist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic for several years.