

RANDALL BRINTON, VIOLIN



Randall Brinton began playing violin with the San Diego Symphony in 1976 after graduating with a degree in Violin Performance from San Diego State University. He was born in Los Angeles and raised in Bakersfield, California where, in elementary school he began violin study.

“In high school orchestra John Koshak, an enthusiastic and dedicated music teacher, taught me the basic principle of orchestra playing: when musicians *blend* their individual sound they transform into an orchestra”, says Brinton. Summertime meant participation in music camps and clinics that provided a link to his counterparts from across the United States.

As a professional musician, Randall has performed for various occasions including opera, ballet, recording, conducting and contracting for musical services. He has served as committeeperson and chair of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra Players Committee and as President of the Quarternote Foundation. Other interests include woodwork, photography, and homeownership.

Mr. Brinton is committed to the work of the Civic Youth Orchestra, and has been a member of that organization’s conducting staff, enabling him to work closely with some of San Diego’s young musicians; they, in turn, have a chance for work with an orchestra professional. As a result of his work with C.Y.O., Randall has become even more of an advocate of music education and believes that a familiarity with the arts has deep influences upon personal and cultural growth.

“As role models for children,” he says, “perhaps our biggest challenge is to avoid being shortsighted. The kids deserve the very best that we can invest.”

Getting to know Randall Brinton...

Q: What are your favorite tunes in your iPod/mp3/CD collection?

A: Brahms Symphonies conducted by Roger Norrington

Q: What is your favorite travel destination?

A: Barcelona, Spain

Q: What are some favorite composers and/or musical periods?

A: Baroque composers

Q: The non-musical accomplishment you are most proud of is...?

A: My kids.

Q: What is your favorite San Diego Symphony memory?

A: Performing a Bruckner symphony with Gunter Herbig conducting.