

## **ALICIA ENGLE, VIOLIN**



Alicia joined the San Diego Symphony in 1989 following a year with the New World Symphony in Miami, Florida led by Michael Tilson Thomas. She studied violin with Stanley Bednar at the Manhattan School of Music and with Larry Shapiro at the University of Akron.

Alicia has been a member of the Pacific Symphony in Costa Mesa and the Akron and Canton Symphonies in Ohio. She has performed in the Blossom Chamber Music, Spoleto, and Puccini (Torre del Lago Italy) Festivals. Performances with celebrities include the Grammy Awards Orchestra, Michael Crawford Tour, and Neil Diamond Tour, with TV appearances on *The View*, *The Today Show*, and *A&E Live by Request*.

In 2005 Alicia joined her husband, Captain Robert Gonzales in Yokosuka, Japan while he was Commanding Officer of the USS Stethem. While in Japan, she gave many concerts with her Japanese colleagues in the Tokyo area, at the US Consulate as well as on the Navy base, raising money for Hurricane Katrina victims through the Red Cross. She joined the faculty of St. Moore International School in Yokohama teaching violin. She also performed with the Japan Philharmonic in Tokyo.

Alicia plays an 1837 violin by ASP Bernardel made in Paris.

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### ***Getting to know Alicia Engle...***

**Q: What is your favorite San Diego Symphony memory?**

A: The 1992 Chichen Itza, Mexico tour

**Q: What are three of your favorite movies?**

A: *Tampopo*, *Oh Brother Where Art Thou?*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

**Q: What is your favorite travel destination?**

A: Pretty much anywhere my husband's ship pulls in to port. I love Southeast Asia, especially Thailand.

**Q: What good book have you read most recently?**

A: Julia Child's *My Life in France*

**Q: What do you love most about San Diego (other than the weather)?**

A: US Navy, fishing, off-roading and hiking in the desert.

**Q: What is your choice for dining in San Diego?**

A: Dobson's, Saffron Chicken