

## OTTO FELD, VIOLIN



Born in Budapest, Hungary, Otto Feld came to San Diego in 1968 when he joined the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. Otto began playing the violin when he was five, eventually growing up to study at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music, Budapest, Hungary where he earned two degrees, one in violin and one in chamber music.

Otto Feld was the youngest member of the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra, a former member of the Vienna Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Concertmaster of the Dayton, Ohio Opera Company, Redlands Bowl, and the Riverside Orchestra.

Mr. Feld is the founding member of the Feld String Quartet, which won an international prize at the Spron Hungary Quartet Competition. The quartet played another 50 concerts for the Hungarian Radio. They concertised in Europa, Salzburg Festweeks, Zurich (International Festival of Contemporary Music), Paris, and all the German radio stations in Berlin. In addition to Europe, the Feld String Quartet has toured extensively in Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

Otto Feld was the first violinist ever to play all ten violin-piano sonatas by Beethoven in one day at Carnegie Hall; Amsterdam (Holland), Concertgebouw Hall and Vienna (Austria) Music Verein Hall (five on the afternoon and five on the evening.)

Otto Feld played 14 years as Assistant Concertmaster in the San Diego Symphony and as Concertmaster for the San Diego Opera. Otto also founded the Feld Sinfonietta / San Diego Sinfonietta, a 15-piece orchestra without conductor. When he's not playing for the Symphony, his quartet or his sinfonietta, Otto teaches and enjoys antique cars.

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### ***Getting to know Otto Feld...***

**Q: What are your favorite tunes in your iPod, mp3 or CD collection?**

A: Mozart violin concertos

**Q: How did you choose your instrument?**

A: My mother did!

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

A: Otay Mesa...the junk yards there, to find parts for my Oldsmobile.

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

A: The telephone book

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

A: The people

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

A: D.Z. Akin's

**Q: Where would we find you on a Saturday night if I'm not performing with the Symphony?**

A: Practicing!

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

A: Rebuilding my 1956 Olds.

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

A: Playing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in 2009.