

## DOUGLAS HALL, HORN



Douglas Hall has enjoyed many adventures in good music here with the San Diego Symphony. He is the 4th horn, and Assistant Personnel Manager. More than 20 years ago he and his wife Laura were married at the Summer Pops site (at Hospitality Point at that time) where the horn section members were his best men, and the brass section played for the ceremony. In helping with the rebuilding of the San Diego Symphony, Doug has run more than 45 national auditions in the last 10 years.

Some of the highlights of Hall's career: studying, and listening to Dave Krehbiel, at the San Francisco Symphony, while getting a Masters at the SF Conservatory; Being the Fellowship Horn player for Leonard Bernstein, at the LA Philharmonic Institute; Ushering at the Kennedy Center for a season; Apprenticing for

George McCracken, building French horns; Learning band instrument repair with Gene Beckwith, at the Red Wing School; Enjoying the sunsets while playing in the Tucson symphony and attending U of Arizona; Being a cabin counselor and water safety instructor at Interlochen; Singing tenor with his dad in the National. Presbyterian Choir; Having his daughter Valerie sing and dance in the San Diego Opera's production of *Hansel and Gretel*. (Doug was in the pit...)

When Doug Hall isn't playing, practicing or managing musicians, you will find him on the links of the Coronado Golf Course, walking the beach with his wife Laura, sailing in the beer can races, or playing racquetball at the San Diego Athletic Club.

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### ***Getting to know Douglas Hall...***

**Q: What are your favorite three tunes or pieces on your iPod/Mp3 or CD collection?**

A: *Alpine Symphony*, Mozart Horn Concertos, Harry Chapin

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

A: I was at a youth concert by the National Symphony, and the Horn player stood up, played *Til Eulenspiegel*, and I was hooked.

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

A: *Galaxy Quest*, *Waking Ned Devine*, *Star Wars*

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

A: Coronado

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

A: *What Would Google Do?* by Jeff Jarvis

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

A: My backyard barbequed salmon

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

A: In the 2009-10 season, *Alpine Symphony*, Sunday performance with more than 100 horn players in the audience (in town for a southwest regional Horn convention our section hosted) cheering like they were at a sporting event!