

ALEXANDER PALAMIDIS, PRINCIPAL VIOLIN II



Alexander Palamidis is Principal Violin II with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, member of the San Diego Symphony String Quartet, and Concertmaster of Orchestra Nova in San Diego. He has been a member and soloist with many orchestras including Istanbul State Symphony, Denver Symphony, Austin Symphony, Austin Lyric Opera, Denver Chamber Orchestra, Concertmaster with the Istanbul Radio String Orchestra, Glendale Chamber Orchestra, and has been Acting Concertmaster with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra on several occasions. He performed and toured with the L'Amoroso String Quartet. Prior to his appointment

with San Diego Symphony he was offered the position of Principal First Violin with the Melbourne Symphony in Australia.

Alexander Palamidis earned a Master of Music in Violin Performance from the University of Southern California where he was a member of the USC String Quartet. He attended classes with emphasis on Chamber Music and Violin Performance at The Mozarteum Academy of Music in Salzburg Austria. A graduate of Istanbul Conservatory of Music, he also holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Palamidis has taught violin at the Istanbul Conservatory of Music, La Sierra University, and master classes with emphasis on orchestral excerpts. He is also very active in education, working with young musicians, chamber ensembles, coaching High School Orchestras and maintaining a busy private teaching studio.

When not playing the violin, Mr. Palamidis' special interests include Eastern philosophy, Japanese jazz-fusion, old violins and travel. He can be contacted at apalamidis@gmail.com.

Getting to know Alexander Palamidis...

Q: What are three of your favorite movies?

A: *Whale Rider, Groundhog Day, The Gods Must Be Crazy*

Q: What are your favorite travel destinations?

A: Turkey, Greece, Austria, Japan.

Q: Can you name some favorite composers and/or musical periods?

A: So many to name, but if I had to pick only one from each period I would have to pick Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Debussy from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century periods respectively.

Q: What good book have you read most recently?

A: *Loving What Is* by Byron Katie

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

A: The Symphony, the Beaches, the Zoo, Farmers Markets.

Q: What are some of your favorite San Diego restaurants?

A: Il Fornaio, Rama and, as a vegetarian, any restaurant with a good vegetarian selection on their menu.

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

A: Getting a degree in Mechanical Engineering