

## CALVIN PRICE, PRINCIPAL TRUMPET



Principal Trumpet of the San Diego Symphony, Calvin Price has performed as soloist for the Disney motion pictures *8 Below*, *Invincible*, *Miracle*, and *Kicking and Screaming* and on the soundtracks of such movies as *Men of Honor*, *Spiderman 3*, *Impostor*, *Charlie's Angels*, *The Kid*, *Blade*, *Save the Last Dance*, *The Majestic*, *Kiss the Girls*, *Star Trek: First Contact*, *Ransom*, *Speed II*, *The Jackal*, *Dante's Peak*, *George of the Jungle*, etc., and as solo trumpet for TV (*Commander in Chief*, *Chicago Hope*, *Dr. Quinn*, *The Defenders*, *From Earth to the Moon*, *King of the Hill* etc.). He is a much sought-after performer and teacher, having performed as Principal Trumpet of the Pasadena Pops and Santa Barbara Symphony. He is a frequent recitalist in Southern California and has performed with such diverse

artists as Luciano Pavarotti, Doc Severinsen, Celine Dion, Linda Ronstadt, Barbra Streisand, The Backstreet Boys and Andrea Bocelli. He was Adjunct Professor of Trumpet at San Diego State University from 1990-2005 and from 1996 to 2001 was also Professor of Trumpet at UCLA. He is Founder of the highly successful educational program *Trumpetissimo* dedicated to providing the highest level of trumpet instruction to participants of all ages and level of expertise.

Calvin is the former Assistant Principal/2nd Trumpet of the Philadelphia Orchestra and former Principal Trumpet of the RAI Symphony Orchestra of Turin, Italy.

He has appeared as soloist with the RAI Symphony Orchestra of Turin (Italy), La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest, Seattle Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Orchestra da Camera di Padova (Italy) to name a few, and was runner-up in the Concert Artist's Guild Recital Competition in New York City.

Calvin has performed for such conductors as Bernstein, Ormandy, Muti, Fruehbeck de Burgos, Leitner, Sinopoli, Schuller, Bertini and Temirkanov. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music (M.Mus.), Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music (B.Mus.), and is a recipient of the Stanley Chapple Fellowship at Tanglewood.

### ***Getting to know Calvin Price...***

**Q: What are three of your favorite tunes or pieces in your iPod or mp3 or CD collection?**

A: Phila. Orch./Muti/Stravinski "Petroushka" (Frank Kaderabek is unbelievable); Everything/anything Harry James; Buddy Rich "Love for Sale" (greatest drummer who ever lived); Tutti's Trumpets album (Conrad Gozzo...don't have to say more).

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

A: My mother would read to me from the Bible and I was always attracted to the stories which depicted the majesty and power of the trumpet.

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

A: I have dozens, but here are some recent ones: the first *Rocky*, *Hoosiers*, *Invincible* (and not just because I play the trumpet solos); *Heat* (De Niro & Pacino – unbelievable); *The Departed*, *Inception*, *Blood Diamond* (DiCaprio is the heir apparent to De Niro & Pacino); *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *The Milagro Beanfield War*, lots more!

**Q: What are your favorite travel destinations?**

A: Italy, Yellowstone, Mammoth Lakes/Yosemite area, Sequoia/Kings Canyon

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

A: Mahler, Stravinski, Mozart

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

A: *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann; *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett

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

A: The growth of the city and county into a destination for more than just weather and tourism. It has more and more become a world-renowned performing arts and cultural magnet.

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

A: Tiramisu in La Mesa Village; Fish Market; Mister A's

**Q: Where might you be found on a Saturday night if the Symphony is not performing?**

A: Out with my wife & friends to a nice restaurant and movie, concert or play.

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

A: The accomplishments of my wife and children are much more important than any I may achieve. For me, the success of my wife's business (San Diego Institute for Couples & Families); seeing my daughter win a place in the U.S. Open for Synchronized Swimming; seeing my son hit a home run in Little League All-Stars, then be chosen for Lacrosse All-Stars one year later.

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

A: How far this orchestra has come in the 20 years I have been Principal Trumpet. The continuing improvement of the artistic level and management of the orchestra and the increasing local and nationwide recognition of those facts. We, all San Diegans, share in the ownership of this institution.

**Q: The San Diego Symphony is essential to San Diego because...?**

A: No major city in the world is without a leading cultural institution and we are it. The musicians and administration of all orchestras contribute not only as that institution but also as community leaders, teachers, volunteers, and as participating citizens of our city, state and nation.