

ALLAN RICKMEIER, BASS



Allan Rickmeier has been a bassist with the San Diego Symphony since 1978. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mr. Rickmeier has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma, and received his Master's degree in Music from Yale University. He has been instructed by some of the pre-eminent bass performers in the country, including Clifford Biggs (Minnesota Orchestra), Warren Benfield (Chicago Symphony), Joseph Guastafeste (Chicago Symphony) and Homer Mensch (New York Philharmonic.)

Allan Rickmeier performed with several ensembles before coming to San Diego, including the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, the 5th Army Band (Chicago), the West Point Band, the New Haven Symphony and the Symphony Orchestra of Columbia (in Bogota, Columbia.)

Getting to know Allan Rickmeier...

Q: How did you choose your instrument?

A: I was shown a bass in junior high school and have not stopped playing since then.

Q: What are three of your favorite movies?

A: *The American President*, *Enemy at the Gates* and *40 Year Old Virgin*

Q: What are your favorite travel destinations?

A: Chicago, and anywhere in the UK

Q: What good book have you read lately?

A: *Witness to Nuremberg* by Richard Sonnenfeldt

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

A: My thirty year marriage to Sheila Sterling, retired harpist with the San Diego Symphony.

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

A: It is the cornerstone of all the arts in the San Diego area.