

## PEI-CHUN TSAI, VIOLIN



Pei-Chun Tsai of Tainan, Taiwan, began her musical studies at the age of four, and made her solo debut in Carnegie Weill Recital Hall in 1997. She holds the first prize in the 1990 and 1992 Taiwan National Violin Competition, and was also a three time first-prize winner of the Tainan Violin Competition. She has performed as a soloist and a chamber musician in Paul Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center and the National Concert Hall in Taiwan. Following their 1994 debut at the Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, she has toured with The Muse Piano Quartet in Taiwan with the sponsorship of the Formosa Chamber Music Society. Pei-Chun has participated in the Alfred, Encore, Yellow Barn, and Taos summer music festivals in the United States as well as the Holland Music Session in Amsterdam.

In addition to her performing career, Pei-Chun is a devoted teacher- she holds a Suzuki Teaching Certificate from the School for Strings. As a scholarship recipient of The Juilliard School, she was on the faculty of the Ear Training Department in Juilliard pre-college division. She has been on the teaching faculties of the Lucy Moses School, Suzuki on the Island and was the founder of the Suzuki program at Resurrection Episcopal Day School in Manhattan.

Pei-Chun completed her Bachelors and the Masters degrees in Music at the Juilliard School where she studied with legendary violinist Joseph Fuchs. In addition, she has studied extensively with Earl Carlyss, Daniel Phillips, Harvey Shapiro, and Sally Thomas. She received her DMA in violin performance from the City University of New York having completed her dissertation entitled "Richard Strauss's Violin Writing in His Early Years from 1870 to 1898- The Influence of the Violin Sonata."

She has been a member of the San Diego Symphony since 2006 and plays on a 1910 violin by Alfredo Contino.

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### ***Getting to know Pei-Chun Tsai...***

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

A: *Splendor in the Grass, The Reader, Tomorrow*

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

A: Borrego Springs

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

A: *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri

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

A: It's closer to home than New York, but seriously, the zoo.

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

A: Oton, Starlite, Sab-e-lee