

Björn Kleiman

Violinist

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ORCHESTRAL WORK (freelance)

Aalborg Symphony Orchestra - 1st violin, co-leader

Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra, Sweden - 1st violin & 2nd violin

Jönköpings Sinfonietta, 1st violin, co-principal 2nd violin

Malmö Symphony Orchestra - 1st & 2nd violin

Malmö Opera Orchestra - 1st violin & 2nd violin

Musica Vitae, String Orchestra, Sweden - 1st violin, co-leader

Stockholm Concert Orchestra - Guest Leader

Member of Tübinger Sinfonietta, Germany 2002-2004

Brandenburg Sinfonia (1st violin & co-leading) and Arts Symphonic (Russell Watson)

Orchestral freelance work in the UK 2004-2019. Morgenstern's Diary Service member 2011-18.

Musical Theatre and Opera Productions:

Lea Salonga, Dream Again Tour, Royal Albert Hall, London - 1st violin

Dr Zhivago the Musical, Cadogan Hall London, Leader

The Secret Garden, London Palladium, Leader

Guys and Dolls, Carousel, Betty Blue Eyes, Gilbert & Sullivan, Leader

Leader for many ad hoc orchestras in and around London, choral societies etc, such as:

Mozart Requiem, Britten War Requiem, Brahms German Requiem, Verdi Requiem, Mendelssohn Elijah, Haydn Creation, Messiah, Puccini Tosca, Bizet Carmen, Fauré Requiem, Christmas Concerts Cadogan Hall, Royal Festival Hall etc.

Session work includes a. o. Russell Watson (Sony) Sion, Echotape, Ankit Love, Urban State etc.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Regular solo appearances with orchestras: Concertos and pieces by Bach, Mendelssohn, Bruch, Wieniawski, Larsson, Sarasate, Stenhammar, Atterberg, Williams, Hess, Monti etc.

Broadcasts on Classic FM, BBC Radio 3, Latvian Classic Radio, Swedish Radio P2, Australia & USA.

Highlights of Recitals and concerts:

London Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, Royal Festival Hall, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Barbican Hall, St James's Piccadilly, Swedish Ambassador's Residence London, Portland Place

Italy Villa San Michele, Capri

Paris The American Church, Centre Culturel Suédois

Germany Heidelberg, Frankfurt, International Music Fair

Jazz & Klassiktage - Tübingen, House of the Nordic Embassies Berlin

Sweden Recitals around Sweden, Churches & Chamber Music Societies

Guernsey St James Concert Hall

SKILLS

Active as a Soloist, Chamber and Orchestral Musician, Sweden, Denmark, UK & Germany. Founding member Little Venice Ensemble, London & Sweden. Chamber music partners include a.o. Benjamin Schmid, Yuri Zhislin (Soloist and Prof. RCM London), Tamas Andras (Leader RPO), Kristina Blaumane (Principal cello LPO), Sholto Kynoch (Pianist, Director Oxford Lieder Festival), Colin Stone (Prof. RAM) Il-jong Chae (LPO) Konstantin Lapshin (Piano Prof RCM), Lizzie Ball (Violin, Director Classical Kicks Ronnie Scott's), Wissam Boustany (Flute, Soloist and Prof RNCM, Trinity Laban), Mats Lidström (Prof. RAM), Gordan Trajkovic Leader HSO, Guest 2nd violin in the Van Der Pals Quartet.

RECORDINGS

- "A Summers' Day" - Little Venice Ensemble, Susanna Andersson Soprano, Stone Records 2021, Recorded, produced and arranged by Björn Kleiman, June 2021. 5 Stars Fanfare Magazine, USA
- "Deck the Halls" - Little Venice Ensemble, Susanna Andersson Soprano, Stone Records 2014, Recorded, produced and arranged by Björn Kleiman – 5 Stars, Mail on Sunday, Classic FM Christmas Album of the Year Runner-up.
- Complete works for Violin & Piano by Harald Genzmer in 2 discs, with Martin Sturfält, piano. Thorofon/Bella Musica – 4 Stars, Klassik.com, 5 stars, Opus Classic Magazine Sweden.
- "Variety Lights" - Kleiman Klöfver Duo, Violin & Guitar, Nota Bene Production's Ltd – Top reviews in all Swedish newspapers
- "Dr Caligari" with contemporary Swedish Music released on the C-Y Contemporary label – Top review, MusicWeb International.

EDUCATION

Staatliche Hochschule für Musik, Karlsruhe - *Diplom-Musiker (1st)*

MARCH 2002 - JULY 2004

Teachers: Prof. Ulf Hoelscher; Dozent Karl-Heinz Schulz

Royal College of Music, London - *BMus (Hons)*

SEPTEMBER 1998 - JULY 2002

Teachers: Dona Lee Croft; Maureen Smith

Conducting: Prof. Neil Thompson

Special Studies: Orchestration and Arrangement, Prof. Ken Hesketh

Chamber Music: Simon Rowland-Jones, Chilingirian Quartet, Belcea Quartet

MASTER CLASSES

Lewis Kaplan, Hugh Bean, Benjamin Schmid and Bela Kantona

Prof. Ulf Hoelscher. L'Academie de musique de Sion, Festival Tibor Varga, Switzerland

AWARDS

Swedish Arts Grants Committee, Helge Ax:son Johnson Foundation

Swedish Union Byggnads. Presented by the Swedish Prime Minister, Pro Patria Foundation

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- Founding member & Artistic Director, Little Venice Ensemble, Sweden & UK
- Managing Director, Lidköping Music Festival, Sweden

- Managing/Artistic Director, Chamber Music in Little Venice, Maida Vale, London.
- Founder and Artistic Director of Swedish Hall Concerts, an Anglo-Swedish Cultural Society in London.

Director Note Bene Productions Ltd, London and curator for the Music.se festival, London, Cadogan Hall in cooperation with SEB bank, Swedish Embassy London, Barbro Osher foundation.

TEACHING

Klassiska Musikskolan, Malmö - *Violin teacher*

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

- Individual instrumental lessons

Kulturskolan, Bjuv - *Violin teacher*

APRIL 2022 - PRESENT (20%)

- Individual instrumental lessons & ensemble coaching

Kulturskolan, Helsingborg, Dunkers - *Violin Tutor*

AUGUST 2022 - July 2023 (Cover, 20%)

- Individual instrumental lessons & ensemble coaching

Kulturskolan, Halmstad - *Violin & Viola Tutor*

APRIL 2019 - JUNE 2022

- Individual instrumental lessons & ensemble coaching

Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance JD, London - *Violin & Viola Tutor*

APRIL 2016 - JULY 2019

- Chamber music, ensemble coaching, performance classes and audition preparation

University of Chichester Conservatoire - *Associate Lecturer of Violin & Viola*

APRIL 2015 - MAY 2018

- Chamber Music Coaching
- Sectional rehearsals
- Leader and curator of the Symphony, String and Pops Orchestras.

Chigwell School, London - *Senior Violin & Viola Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2017 - JULY 2019

- Curator of the Senior String Orchestra

Falcon School for Boys, Richmond - *Violin Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2013 - JULY 2015

German School, London - *Violin Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2005 - JULY 2017

Kultur33, Münsingen, Germany - *Violin Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2002 - JULY 2004

Covering Work as violin teacher at the North London Performing Arts Centre (NLPAC), Ealing Saturday Morning School and St Clement Danes Primary School, Covent Garden