

Renowned American classical violinist Christina Castelli has distinguished herself as one of today's most dynamic soloists. She has garnered international acclaim for her compelling concerto and recital performances throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. Ms. Castelli has been a featured soloist with many of the world's most revered orchestras, including the Cleveland and Minnesota Orchestras, the Chicago Sinfonietta, and the Atlanta, National, Seattle, Colorado, Pittsburgh, Nashville, New Jersey, and Alabama Symphonies in the United States, and the Belgian National Orchestra, Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia, National Orchestra of Colombia, and Chilean Regional Philharmonic overseas. As a recitalist, Ms. Castelli has appeared on concert series in nearly every major city in the United States, and has been presented in such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, where she made her critically hailed recital debut in 2004, La Monnaie Brussels, and the Ravinia Festival, Chicago Cultural Center, and Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

An avid chamber musician, Ms. Castelli has appeared as soloist with and leader of the International Sejong Soloists chamber ensemble and as concertmaster of the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra in addition to giving chamber music performances on both violin and viola throughout North America, including numerous concerts at the Vancouver Chamber Music Festival in Canada. She has been heard as a soloist and chamber musician in live and recorded performances on radio stations around the globe, including National Public Radio, CBC Canada, WCLV Cleveland, WQXR New York, WFMT Chicago, Vermont Public Radio, Caracol Colombia, RBTF Radio Brussels, and UCV Chile.

Ms. Castelli has received international recognition for her powerful performances. In 2001, she was named a Laureate of the prestigious Queen Elisabeth International Violin Competition in Brussels, becoming the only American-born violinist granted the distinction that year. Ms. Castelli was also named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts by the White House Commission in 1996 and received a gold medallion from President Bill Clinton in Washington, D.C. In addition, she has been awarded first prize in numerous competitions, including the William Primrose International Viola Competition, Juilliard Concerto Competition, Sphinx Competition, California International Young Artists Competition, Holland-America Music Society Competition, and National Federation of Music Clubs Competition.

A passionate advocate of music outreach, Ms. Castelli is committed to sharing music with others through active learning experiences. She frequently gives presentations to children in metropolitan public schools through her Community Music Commitment (CMC) Program and conducts master classes for violin and viola students. Ms. Castelli is also active in outreach programs abroad. In the summer of 2007, she traveled to Tunisia, Africa, as part of an outreach program to learn about music native to the country and to share Western music with communities in the capital city of Tunis. While in Africa, Ms. Castelli presented master classes, provided private music instruction, and performed both Western and Tunisian music with musicians from both backgrounds. Through these outreach experiences, Ms. Castelli hopes to lend even more momentum to the music community, encouraging others to make a concerted effort to share their passion for music whenever possible.

Born in a suburb of Chicago, Ms. Castelli began studying the violin at age three with Edward Kreitman, later continuing her studies with Roland and Almita Vamos. She earned her bachelor's degree with honors in chemistry from Harvard University and her master's degree in violin performance from The Juilliard School, where she studied with Dorothy DeLay and Rohan De Silva and received the Samuel Gardner and William Schuman prizes. Ms. Castelli currently resides in the New York City area with her husband and three daughters.

*Ms. Castelli performs on a violin crafted by Giovanni Grancino of Milan in 1709.  
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