

Anne Akiko Meyers, Violin

Violin superstar, Anne Akiko Meyers actively maintains an extensive touring schedule and was the top-selling classical instrumental soloist on Billboard charts in 2014. She regularly performs as guest soloist with many of the world's top orchestras, presents ground-breaking recitals, and passionately supports and commissions new works from composers.

A champion of living composers, Meyers has actively added new works to the violin repertoire by commissioning and premiering works by composers such as Mason Bates, Jakub Ciupinski, John Corigliano, Jennifer Higdon, Samuel Jones, Wynton Marsalis, Akira Miyoshi, Arvo Pärt, Gene Pritsker, Einojuhani Rautavaara, Huang Ruo, Somei Satoh, Adam Schoenberg and Joseph Schwantner.

Anne has collaborated with a diverse array of artists outside of traditional classical, including jazz icons, Chris Botti and Wynton Marsalis, avant-garde musician, Ryuichi Sakamoto, electronic music pioneer, Isao Tomita, pop-era act, Il Divo and singer, Michael Bolton. She performed the National Anthem in front of 42,000 fans at Safeco Field in Seattle, appeared twice on <u>"The Tonight Show"</u> and was featured in a segment on MSNBC's <u>"Countdown with Keith Olbermann"</u> that became the third most popular story of the year.

Anne has been featured on <u>CBS Sunday Morning</u>, NPR's <u>Morning Edition</u>with Linda Wertheimer and <u>All Things Considered</u> with Robert Siegel and the popular Nick Jr. show, Take Me To Your Mother, with Andrea Rosen. Best-selling novelist, J. Courtney Sullivan, consulted with Anne for <u>The Engagements</u>, and based one of the main characters careers loosely on Anne's. She also collaborated with children's book author and illustrator, Kristine Papillon, on <u>Crumpet the</u> <u>Trumpet</u>, where the character Violetta the violinist, is played by Anne.

Anne Akiko Meyers was born in San Diego, California and grew up in Southern California. She studied with Alice and Eleonore Schoenfeld at the Colburn School of Performing Arts, Josef Gingold at Indiana University, and Felix Galimir, Masao Kawasaki and Dorothy DeLay at the Juilliard School. She received the Avery Fisher Career Grant and was recently awarded "The Luminary Award" for her support of