

Biography of Violinist Jasper Wood



Jasper Wood was born into a musical family of six brothers and sisters in Moncton, New Brunswick and gave his first public performance at the age of five. Since then he has captured the hearts of music lovers everywhere with his “thrilling virtuosity” (The Strad) and his “sweet tunefulness edged in melancholy” (Washington Post).

Jasper Wood made his solo orchestral debut in 1987 with Symphony Nova Scotia under the baton of Georg Tintner. Since then he has established a flourishing reputation through his frequent performances with many of North America's top orchestras. He has performed with Montreal, Toronto, Buffalo, Winnipeg, Victoria, Newfoundland, Bay Atlantic, and the Canadian Chamber Orchestra to list a few. Mr. Wood continues to impress with his dazzling recitals and chamber music concerts which have taken him all over the world.

Mr. Wood holds a master of music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied with David and Linda Cerone. An acclaimed competition winner, Jasper Wood has won numerous prizes and awards in the United States, Canada, and Europe. He can be heard frequently on National Public Radio in the United States, and CBC/SRC Radio in Canada. He has recorded numerous CD's for Endeavour Classics, Analekta, Disques Pelleas, and Naxos. His most recent CD was released in May 2006 with pianist David Riley on the Endeavour Classics label and contains the violin/piano works of Bela Bartok, and *Contrasts* for violin, piano and clarinet with the principle clarinetist of the Philadelphia Orchestra Ricardo Morales. He has also recorded music videos for the Bravo! television network.

Mr. Wood has been awarded both the Sylva Gelber Award and the Virginia Parker Prize, two of the most distinguished prizes awarded by the Canada Council for the Arts. He performs on a 1700 “Taft” Stradivarius violin on loan by an anonymous donor and the Canada Council for the Arts.

Jasper Wood is a professor of violin at the University of British Columbia. For more information on Mr. Wood please visit his website at www.jasperwood.net