



SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY

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Kathleen Lenski, violin

Kathleen Lenski was first violinist and a founding member of the Angeles String Quartet, formed in 1988 in Los Angeles. Following years of touring in the U.S. and abroad, the group retired in 2001 after recording the complete string quartets of Joseph Haydn for Philips Classics. The group won the Grammy Award for "best classical chamber music" for the acclaimed album in the year 2001. The 21 CD set is available internationally, and on amazontower.com.

Ms. Lenski grew up in Los Angeles, and as the daughter of two violinists, began performing in public at the age of three. A graduate of the Juilliard School she was a full scholarship student of Oscar Shumsky, winning the Naumberg and Kriesler scholarship awards.

In addition to touring and recording with the Baroque ensemble "Musical Offering", Ms. Lenski appeared as soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Seattle, San Francisco and St. Louis Symphonies, as well as chamber orchestras in Canada, the Northwest, and the East Coast. She served as soloist and concertmaster of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under both Iona Brown and Sir Neville Marriner and was the soloist and leader of the Oregon Bach Festival Chamber Orchestra under Helmuth Rilling. Other festival appearances include Aspen, Marlboro, Sitka, Cape and Islands and the Accademia Chigiana in Siena, Italy. Lenski also worked in the Hollywood film industry for many years performing on soundtracks for hundreds of films including *E.T.*, *Schindler's List* and all of the Disney animated features, as well as backing up recording artists such as Natalie Cole and Bette Midler.

Lenski plays on the 1775 J.B. Gaudagnini formerly owned by Brahms' confidant and co-composer, violinist Joseph Joachim.



"She's a powerhouse; these were gripping performances, to say the least."

LOS ANGELES TIMES

"A superior leader and informed musician in every way...Lenski featured a meltingly beautiful tone."

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

"Kathleen Lenski's performances were impressive both for beauty of sound and for technical mastery. She is a violinist of rare gifts."

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