

Masumi Per Rostad, viola



Grammy Award-winning Japanese-Norwegian violist Masumi Rostad is in demand as a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. In 2017 he was appointed to the faculty of the Eastman School of Music.

2023-4 highlights include concerto appearances with the Virginia Symphony, The Knights, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and numerous festivals including La Jolla Summerfest, Bridgehampton Festival, Music In The Vineyards (Napa), SpoletoUSA,, and Beare's Premiere Music Festival (Hong Kong).

As a former member of the Pacifica Quartet 2001-2017 Masumi recorded prolifically and concertized extensively.

He studied with legendary violist and pedagogue Karen Tuttle at The Juilliard School and was her teaching assistant. While a student, he performed the world premiere of Michael White's Viola Concerto in Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and also gave the New York premiere of Paul Schoenfield's Viola Concerto.

Masumi actively maintains a YouTube channel and produces videos about music and musicians. His Amati viola was crafted in Cremona, Italy in 1619.

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