

Richard Smith - Violin



Richard has enjoyed a rich and varied career, performing all over the world on land and sea. He studied with Phillipe Graffin at Birmingham Conservatoire and Rodney Friend at Royal College of Music before joining Southbank Sinfonia (now Smith Square Sinfonia) in its inaugural year. Recent projects include recording as leader of Southern Sinfonia and London Orchestra da Camera, and as member of Dionysus Ensemble. Solo performances have included the concertos of Bruch, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven and Vaughan-Williams' Lark Ascending.

As a committed Educator, Richard gives masterclasses and coaches extensively, in particular for NSGSO (National Scouts and Guides Symphony Orchestra), Junior MusicWorks and for Northamptonshire Performing Arts Trust, where he is conductor of the County Youth Orchestra and Director of String Sinfonia, who are shortly off on tour to perform 4 concerts in and around Prague.

He is married with 3 children, 2 chickens and 1 dog, which is plenty!