

## Frank Wiens Biography

With a performing career that has taken him to Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, and throughout the United States, Frank Wiens has maintained an active concert career since 1974. Possessing a concerto repertoire of over 35 works, he has been a frequent soloist with symphony orchestras in this country and abroad. His recitals have taken him to major cities such as London, Warsaw, Vienna, Seoul, New York and Los Angeles.

Frank Wiens gave his New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1984. His London recital debut took place in May of 1986. He made his European continental debut in Vienna, Austria in May of 1987 at the Brahms-Saal of the Musikverein. Other international performances have included a concert tour of the Soviet Union, two tours of South Korea, and engagements in Romania and Poland. In the 1990-91 season Frank Wiens returned to New York with a recital celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prokofiev's birth. Frank Wiens was invited to tour the Soviet Union in April of 1991 in numerous solo and orchestral engagements as part of the celebrations of that anniversary in Prokofiev's native land.

In the fall of 1994 Frank Wiens travelled to Bratislava, Slovakia, to record a compact disc including the Rachmaninoff Third Concerto with the Slovakia National Orchestra and the Rachmaninoff Sonata No. 1.

Frank Wiens won first prize in the North American Young Artists Competition and the Southwest Pianists Foundation Competition. He has performed as soloist with the Atlanta, Denver and Detroit Symphonies, and has been a touring artist with the Iowa Arts Council and the California Arts Council.

In addition to his active performance schedule, Frank Wiens has established a strong reputation as a trusted teacher and mentor of younger talent, and served as an adjudicator in many important competitions including the Gina Bachauer International Competition. Beginning in 1976 he served on the faculty at the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music, where he received the Research-Lecturer Award and Distinguished Faculty Award. He was awarded the Order of Pacific at his official retirement in 2020.

In 2009 he was the recipient of the Stockton Arts Commission's award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

A native of New Haven, Connecticut, Frank Wiens lives in Stockton, California with his wife, mezzo-soprano Lynelle Frankforter Wiens. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf and trying his hand at gourmet cooking.