

## **Annelle K. Gregory - Bio**

American virtuoso violinist *Annelle K. Gregory* is a laureate of international competitions, concert soloist, and recording artist. She is the 1st Prize & Audience Choice Award winner of the 2017 National Sphinx Competition and Laureate of the 2013 Stradivarius International Violin Competition.

Annelle Gregory's love of Russian music has led her to discover and revive forgotten works of great Russian composers, presenting these works in concert and in recordings. Her most recent project was the release of the first-ever CD of Rachmaninoff's complete violin/piano works, recorded with Russian pianist Alexander Sinchuk (*Bridge Records 2017*). The CD has received international acclaim and aired on radio stations across the U.S. and Europe. In 2018 she will be recording her next album with Dmitry Yablonsky and the Kiev Virtuosi Orchestra, featuring little-known works by Rimsky-Korsakov and Taneyev.

As a soloist, Annelle Gregory has performed with the symphonies of Houston, Nashville, Chicago Sinfonietta, Detroit, San Diego, La Jolla, Santa Monica, California Chamber Orchestra, and Torrance, working alongside such conductors as Mei-Ann Chen, Robert Franz, Tomasz Golka, Andrew Grams, Ken-David Masur, Michelle Merrill, Anthony Parnter, Chelsea Tipton, and Thomas Wilkins. She has performed in such venues as Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Hall, and the Kennedy Center, as well as abroad in England, Germany, Portugal, Russia, and Switzerland. She has been featured on BBC, NPR, KUSC, and WQXR radios, as well as on German television and Detroit PBS.

Annelle Gregory graduated first in her class, *summa cum laude* from USC's Thornton School of Music, where she studied under Glenn Dicterow. Other teachers include Michael & Irina Tseitlin and Alexander Kirov. She was awarded the 2017 Isaac Stern Award and the 2014 Glenn Dicterow Music Scholarship, and has received scholarships from the Musical Merit Foundation and the League of Allied Arts. Other awards include 1st Prizes in the 2017 "Grand Prize Virtuoso" International Competition, the 2017 NANM National Strings Competition, the 2016 American Protégé International Concerto Competition, and the 2017 Beverly Hills National Auditions. She was a featured soloist for the 2017 Sphinx Virtuosi National Tour, the 2016 iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates, and in 2013 opened for the Moscow Ballet, performing a solo with the principal ballerina.

In addition to violin, Annelle Gregory also performs on viola and has played piano, drumset, guitar, and bass guitar and performed tap, jazz, flamenco, and Japanese classical dance. In her spare time, she enjoys reading Russian classics, cooking, and playing with her two cats.

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