

Michael Isadore, Clarinet



Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: Clarinet and violin, but I don't get paid to play violin.

Q: When and how did you get started in music?

A: I started playing violin when I was 9, but then moved to clarinet in the 6th grade. My mom started me on the violin and by the end of high school, my dad was teaching me clarinet.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: Approximately 2003

Q: Educational background?

A: Bachelor's of Music Education: Baylor University; Masters of Music Performance--Clarinet: University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance; Masters of Music, Conducting: University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: 1st -- my dad. Without him I wouldn't have had a role model to copy; 2nd -- the clarinetists at Baylor during my time there who are now all doing great things; 3rd -- Beethoven, Mahler and Shostakovich

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: I am the director of orchestras at Dulles High School in Sugar Land. I am also the Philharmonia conductor with the Houston Youth Symphony and hold the second clarinet position with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra.

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: I keep myself busy. I love watching movies, and am an avid badminton and ice hockey player, dabble in wing chun kung fu (black belt) and knit (yes, knitting!).