

Vincent Ellin Bio

After 32 years as Principal Bassoonist with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, Vincent Ellin is now devoting himself exclusively to solo and chamber music for the bassoon.

Mr. Ellin has premiered new works for both solo bassoon and chamber music by numerous composers. He also constantly searches for rarely heard pieces by composers that deserve performing more often. Among these pieces is the *Skalkottas Sonate Concertante*. In 1995, he performed this work by special invitation by the Dutch Double Reed Society. The work was heard in its complete form as the "Cycle" Concert in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Fellow collaborators were musicians from Paris and Amsterdam including Michel Benet, Klaas Bakker, and Gertjan Loot.

He won a Juno Award for his performance of the Eckhardt-Grammate Concerta of Bassoon on the Bis label in 1995. He also premiered Glenn Buhr's concerto for Bassoon at the Winnipeg Symphony's New Music Festival in the same year. His performance garnered rave reviews.

Vincent Ellin has often performed as a soloist with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Music Baroque, the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, Musica, the CBC Winnipeg Orchestra, the Richmond Symphony, and the New England Conservatory Symphony.

He has participated in (and continues to perform with) various chamber groups such as Aurora Musicale, Music Inter Alia, Musica Speciale, the Winnipeg Chamber Music Society and Groundswell.

Mr. Ellin studied with Sherman Walt at the New England Conservatory, graduating with the George W. Chadwick Prize and highest honours. His other teachers include Stephen Maxym and Louis Skinner. He also studied Viennese Classical Style with Milan Turkovic in Vienna.

Leonard Bernstein specially selected Vincent Ellin to perform the premier of Bernstein's Mass for the opening of the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. At this time, he freelanced actively in the Boston area, playing with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, Boston Opera and the Cantata Singers.

Vincent Ellin also participated in Rudolf Serkin's Marlboro Festival and the Fellowship Program at the Berkshire Music Festival.