



ÉTIENNE GARA, violinist

Praised for the warm tone and expressiveness of his playing, French born violinist Etienne Gara has performed extensively worldwide in some of the most renowned venues.

Internationally broadcast on TV and radio and numerous awards winner, he recorded in 2014 on the "Leonora Jackson", a 1714 Stradivarius, an album of French music titled "French Recital".

Mr. Gara cultivates a boundary breaking curiosity that brought him to be featured on Leonard Cohen's last album and to found the award winning Sunset Club Trio, an ensemble joining the forces of the violin, the electric and the flamenco guitars in their own arrangements of the great classical repertoire. He also created "Sketches of Miles", a production that brings together the classical and the jazz worlds.

In addition to his solo career, his creative musical productions and his activities as guest principal violin with many ensembles brought him to perform in halls such as Disney Concert Hall and the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles and since 2015, he acts as concertmaster and artistic director of the conductorless Kontrapunktus Chamber orchestra, which recorded its debut album the same year.

A graduate of the New England Conservatory, with Donald Weilerstein, he also studied with Midori at the University of Southern California. Among many international festivals, he was invited to join start violinist Itzhak Perlman at his festival in NY, as well as residencies in Sarasota, FL and Israel.

More info about Mr. Gara at www.etiennegara.com