

Nathaniel Mayfield - Trumpet

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Originally from Austin, TX, Nathaniel Mayfield was awarded a four-year scholarship to study trumpet at Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, MI. At age 18, he competed in the Young Arts Talent Search sponsored by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, and was one of 20 high school artists chosen to receive the prestigious Presidential Scholarship in the Arts from President Bill Clinton, an honor that included a Rose Garden ceremony and solo performance in the Kennedy Center. After acceptance into both The Juilliard School and Columbia University, Mr. Mayfield graduated after three years of studies with Professor Raymond Mase (Chairman of the Juilliard Brass Department), and earned a BA in Classical History from Columbia. Other awards and honors included first prizes in The National Trumpet Competition, The Aspen Music Festival Concerto Competition, and the International Trumpet Guild Solo Competition.

Mr. Mayfield went on to receive a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue graduate work with Professor Reinhold Friedrich in Karlsruhe, Germany. During this time, he won positions in music festivals such as The Round Top Institute, National Repertory Orchestra, and The Pacific Music Festival in Sapporo Japan, as well as performed with a variety of professional orchestras including Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, Singapore Symphony, and Mannheim Opera.

A world-renowned baroque trumpet soloist, Mr. Mayfield has presented masterclasses at such institutions as: The Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, Laval University in Quebec, UT Austin, Baylor, TCU, Lausanne Conservatory Switzerland, and many others. Further, he was a three-year assistant at The Chosen Vale International Trumpet Seminar in Enfield, NH, faculty member of the Domaine Forget Brass Academy Quebec, and has participated in international trumpet competitions Kiev, Ukraine; Paris, France; Markneukirchen, Germany; and Bad-Säckingen, Germany.

Upon returning to Austin, Mr. Mayfield founded the Lake Austin Strings booking agency and the Austin Brass Institute (a 501-c3 non-profit), joined the faculties of Texas A&M University in College Station and Concordia University, performed frequently with the Austin Symphony, Austin Lyric Opera, and Austin Chorus, and served on the Board of Directors at the Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts before being named its Artistic Director.

In addition to his roles as Principal Baroque Trumpet with Dallas Bach Society, Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined, and other period instrument ensembles, Mr. Mayfield is President of Mayfield Energy, LLC (an oil and gas exploration and production company), Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Mayfield Dairy Queens/RUM Enterprises, and is pursuing an Executive MBA at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Mayfield lives in Austin with his wife, Ulrike, and their three daughters.