

GIL SHAHAM is internationally recognized as one of today's most virtuosic and engaging artists. He is sought after throughout the world for concerto appearances with celebrated orchestras and conductors, as well as for recital and ensemble appearances on the great concert stages and at the most prestigious festivals.

Shaham has recently appeared in concert with the New World, San Francisco, Saint Louis and Milwaukee Symphonies; Boston, New Jersey and Dallas Symphony Orchestras; New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestra.

He has performed with the leading orchestras of Rome, Florence, Birmingham, Prague, Paris and London. He joined the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields as leader and soloist on the orchestra's U.S. tour. In addition to his many orchestral engagements, Shaham regularly tours in recital with pianist Akira Eguchi. He has enjoyed musical collaboration with his family, including his wife, violinist Adele Anthony; his sister, pianist Orli Shaham, and his brother-in-law, conductor David Robertson.

Among his more than two dozen concerto and solo CDs are a number of best-sellers, appearing on record charts nationally and abroad. These recordings have earned prestigious awards including multiple Grammys, a Grand Prix du Disque, Diapason d'or and Gramophone Editor's Choice.

Born in Illinois in 1971, Shaham moved with his parents to Israel, where at the age of 7 he began violin studies with Samuel Bernstein of the Rubin Academy of Music; he received annual scholarships from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. In 1981, while studying with Haim Taub in Jerusalem, he made debuts with the Jerusalem Symphony and Israel Philharmonic. That same year, he began his studies with Dorothy DeLay and Jens Ellerman at Aspen. In 1982, after taking first prize in Israel's Claremont Competition, he became a scholarship student at Juilliard. He has also studied at Columbia University. Shaham was awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant in 1990. He plays the 1699 "Countess Polignac" Stradivarius, and he lives in New York City with his wife and two children.