

Dr. Rashed Juma 's Bio

Rashed Juma is a violin performer in both Western classical and traditional Arabic music. A native of Kuwait, he was born into a family of musicians and traditionally began his musical training as a child on the Oud (Arabic lute). Juma began learning to play the violin at the age of ten and further advanced his musical education at the age of twelve when he began taking violin lessons. His interests in further developing his musical education, led him to join the Kuwaiti Higher Music Institute, where he sought the performance stage and abstained his Bachelor degree in Instrumental Performance. During this period he performed locally and internationally.

Seeking to further enhance his repertoire of Western classical art music, Juma moved to Vienna, Austria, studying the violin with the highly acclaimed and respected professor Michael Frischinschlager. His travels then brought him to the United States, where he continued to pursue his music career, training under the tutelage of Professor Carol Cindell, formal students of the legendary violinist Jascha Heifetz. He obtained his degree of Master of Arts in Teaching Music at Portland state University in Oregon, and recently his Doctorate of Musical Arts in violin Performance degree at the University of Miami, Florida studying with the concertmaster of Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Professor Glenn Basham.

In the past twenty years, Mr. Juma has traveled extensively, one of his passions, performing as both a soloist and as a member of various music ensembles. His most memorable concert performances include his native Kuwait, UAE, Egypt, Lebanon, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Spain, South Africa and the United States.