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Katherine Hughes

Performer, Composer

Biography

Katherine Hughes is a versatile musician who has been a professional violinist and contractor for over thirty years. In that time, Katherine has appeared with a long list of internationally known artists. She maintains a busy performance schedule with a wide array of musicians, and is featured on the CD's of many independent artists and composers. Katherine has produced several of her own recordings as well. Her latest release is "Aspects", on the Blujazz label, with the Kevin Kizer Quintet. Other CD credits include "Rain", featuring music written by Ms Hughes and Collins Trier, and "the four seasons", an original contemporary song cycle with instrumental interludes. She has produced and acted in a rock video, "TV Sages", which was shown on MTV. Katherine has also been the concertmaster of the City Lights Orchestra for many years, playing concerts, private functions, and recording sessions for that group.

In the more traditional arena, Katherine is a regular member of the Metropolis Symphony and a performing member of the Chicago Philharmonic Society. She also plays with the chamber groups Hawk String Quartet, Parallax Trio, and Petite Orchestra. Her string quintet was featured on the ABC television show "Chicagoing" with Bill Campbell. Ms. Hughes has also participated in numerous live concerts on the international classical station WFMT. She has been very active in the contemporary music arena, often giving premiere performances of new works. Katherine has performed on many PBS "Soundstage" presentations, including the Faith Hill special "Joy to the World". For Milburn/Bodeen Music and Sound Design, she records incidental music for theater productions across the US. She also records for WMS Gaming, providing music for casino games. Ms Hughes has played in the pit for several Broadway productions, including "Annie", "Hairspray", "Spamalot", and "The Color Purple."

Ms Hughes, along with two partners, has founded the Chicago Studio Orchestra within the organization Third Coast Music. For more information, please visit ThirdCoastM.com.





