

## Michelle Stuart

Michelle Stuart is a native of the Northern Bay Area in Benicia, California, where she began her studies as a musician at the early age of five. She spent twelve years in a conservatory of music studying piano, under the watchful eye of Loida Turtinwinata, an internationally acclaimed artist and teacher. Growing up, Michelle became fluent in many areas of music. Her unique experiences in school made her fluent on the majority of all wind instruments by the age of thirteen, as well as an adept singer, joining many of the local musicals and soloing at many of the community's local events. By college, Michelle chose French horn & piano as her main instrumental endeavors and entered California State University, Fresno through scholarship and recommendation of her high school music director, Roxanna Macheel. At Fresno State, Michelle studied with Thomas Hiebert, horn; David Krehbiel, horn; Andreas Werz, piano; Kristen Ruby, horn; Brigid De Jong, voice; other famous clinicians, including Jim Winter & Dave Clevenger, horn; and under the direction of Larry Sutherland, Gary P. Gilroy, & Anna Hamre.

Michelle was awarded many honors in college including: winning horn concerto soloist with the CSUF Wind Ensemble in May 2003; performing the famous *Konzerstück* for Four Horns Concerto (Schumann) with the Wind Ensemble in 2002; received the Tokalon Alumnae Association's Ina Gregg Thomas highly competitive Premiere Scholarship in 2004; received the Martha Hagen Memorial Music Scholarship in 2002; received a full-tuition scholarship with the Fresno State Bulldog Beat for 2000-2003; was the Fresno State Bulldog Beat Tour Director for 2002; contracted with the Merced Symphony Orchestra for Horn in 2002; and was selected to perform various solos in all major performing ensembles at Fresno State including the Fresno State Marching Band, the CSUF Wind Ensemble, and the CSUF Concert Choir (voice). She graduated from CSU, Fresno with her BA in Music Education & Performance on French horn & Piano, Magna Cum Laude 2004, and received her Single Subject Credential in Music Education from CSUF in 2005.

Today, Michelle is currently the Director of Orchestra at Roosevelt School of the Arts in Fresno, CA and is the Music Director at Sequoia Middle School, also in

Fresno. She has previously taught elementary choral music in the local Fresno area, been a musical consultant for the Clovis Unified School District, and is concurrently teaching piano at Gottschalk Music Center (formerly Clovis Music Center) in Clovis, doing so since 2005. Other expertise Michelle possesses are in drum majoring, dance, academia, & other performing arts.