

**Sabine Bretschneider Jochumsen, Violin**

Started to play the violin at the age of 4 in the former East Germany and became a student at the Hochschule für Musik Weimar at the age of 13. In 1989 when she was 15, her family fled to West Germany three weeks before the wall fell.

She studied the violin with Prof. Christian Altenburger at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover and later did her Masters degree at the University of Michigan School of Music Ann Arbor with Paul Kantor.

All through her studies and indeed from the age of 13, she knew she wanted to become an orchestra musician. She was member and later Concertmaster of the Eastgerman Youthorchestra, played in the German Student Orchestra Junge Deutsche Philharmonie, the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra under conductors such as Claudio Abbado, Bernhard Haitink and Ivan Fischer. She was also a founding member of the Gustav Mahler Chamber Orchestra.

In 1998 she took part in the Aspen Music Festival, where she met Paul Kantor and decided to go to the United States.

After her studies, she first got a position in the Konzerthausorchester Berlin in Germany and two years later in 2002, she became a member of the Danish National Orchestra in Copenhagen, Denmark, under conductors like the late Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, Marin Alsop, Leonidas Kavakos, Karina Canellakis, Vasily Petrenko, Jukka-Pekka Saraste and the current chief conductor Fabio Luisi among others.

Tours with her orchestra have taken her all over the world, Europe, Asia with China, Japan, South Korea and Hongkong, the United States and many more.

She plays a violin by Joseph Gagliano from 1781 on loan from the Danish National Orchestra.