



Richard Meyer is a full-time teacher in the public schools and has taught string students at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels for over 30 years. Currently, he directs the orchestras at Oak Avenue Intermediate School in Temple City, California, and is in charge of the city's elementary string program. In 2009, he implemented the "*Giving Bach*" program at his school which has garnered national attention for its innovative ways of using interactive concerts to bring music into the lives of special needs and inner-city school students throughout Southern

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He was the music director of the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra for 16 years, conducting them in performances in New York, Washington D.C., Vienna, Australia, and Canada. He is a much sought-after clinician throughout the United States, and has been a featured clinician at the A.S.T.A. National Conference, and String Teachers' Workshops at Ohio State University and Birch Bay, Washington. He has also guest-conducted All-State and Honor Orchestras in several states.

In addition to his teaching and conducting assignments, Mr. Meyer is a nationally-recognized, best-selling composer with over 150 compositions and arrangements in print, and is one of the string editors for Alfred Publishing Company. He is the co-author of several string method books, including the popular "String Explorer" Series, and, most recently "Sight-read It for Strings". He and his wife, Rose, live in Sierra Madre, California and have three daughters.