

Silents and Strings

Performances of Silent Film
with String Quartet and String Orchestra

Maria Newman, The Composer

American composer and violinist, Maria Newman, was born in 1962 into one of the most famous and influential musical families in Hollywood. The youngest daughter of nine-time Academy Award-winning film composer, Alfred Newman (1900-1970), who was also the celebrated conductor of the original Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, Maria Newman has been highly honored as a concert composer in her own right, continuing to garner recognition from performers, audiences and critics alike.



Educated at the prestigious Eastman School of Music and Yale University, Maria Newman has been presented with numerous awards and commissions from venerable organizations and ensembles around the globe for her critically acclaimed, scintillating and varied library of chamber music, vocal and choral music, music for chamber orchestra, concerti, symphonic music and highly discussed music for restored vintage silent film. She has served as Composer-in-Residence for many ensembles and institutions nationally. A bold and versatile performer, Newman's compositions and performances of both her own highly regarded works and works of the great masters, are consistently programmed in concert halls and heard regularly on radio broadcasts worldwide. NPR's Jim Svejda hails Newman as, "...hugely musical, bewitching, charming...one of the most distinguished composers of her generation."

In her role as violinist and violist, Maria Newman has concertized around the world as a soloist, recitalist, and as a member of the Malibu Coast String Quartet and the Viklarbo Chamber Ensemble. As a concert soloist, Newman has premiered many new works for violin, as well as for viola (including many of her own) in some of the United States' and Europe's most celebrated concert halls, and was the critically acclaimed viola soloist for the Grammy Award-winning album, *Symphonic Hollywood*, in a performance of Miklos Rozsa's *Viola Concerto* with the Nuremberg Symphony.

Newman is the mother of five children (Martha, Isabella, Samuel "Sonny", Noah and Joaquin), and is married to conductor/violist Scott Hosfeld, with whom she frequently collaborates. The Newman-Hosfeld family resides in an organic craftsman structure built around the performance of music and dance. Designed by Eric Lloyd Wright of the famous Frank Lloyd Wright family of architects, Newman and Hosfeld host nearly forty concerts annually in this venue, attracting and presenting many of the world's most celebrated musicians, architects and speakers.

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