

ESSENTIAL ENTERTAINMENT'S QUINTESSENTIAL STRING QUARTET CAST

SHONA MCFADYEN-MUNGALL is the principal driving force behind the Quintessential String Quartet. Shona graduated from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama with subsequent degrees from the University of London, the Royal College of Music in London, England and a Masters degree from the University of Florida. Having tenures as Principal Cello in orchestras in London, Scotland, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Florida, Shona enjoys a truly worldwide reputation. Shona has also performed for such Name Acts as James Taylor, Natalie Cole and The Moody Blues as well as making regular appearances at Walt Disney World. She is a committed professional with a passion for quality and attention to detail. With Shona's membership in the Quintessential String Quartet, you can be sure of World-Class quality and a truly masterful performance.



OLGA KOLPAKOVA comes to us from the lovely country of Ukraine. Olga is a graduate of the Mariupal Music College and received her Master's degree from the prestigious Order of Lenin Conservatory in Kiev. As a world-class violinist and pianist with extensive performing and recording experience, she has participated in several world tours including performances in the Carnegie Hall and the Tanglewood Music Festival with a lengthy tenure with the Kiev Chamber Orchestra. She is the principal violinist with the Quintessential String Quartet, providing World-Class musicianship and a truly international flair.

BETHANY KERR has performed as a solo violinist, chamber musician and orchestral musician throughout the United States, Asia, Europe and South America. Bethany currently spends her time between performing, working as a Talent Casting Director for Walt Disney Entertainment and managing the personnel for the Brevard Symphony Orchestra in Melbourne, Florida. Bethany has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Tulsa and Master of Business Administration degree from the prestigious Rollins College.



LINDA KESSLER received her Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University. She went on to graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, under the tutelage of the Fine Arts Quartet. Linda, prior to moving to Central Florida in 1998, was the principal violist for the Milwaukee Ballet and Waukesha Symphony Orchestras as well as being an semi-regular performer with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Here in Orlando, Linda maintains a thriving private studio and performs regularly with the Brevard Symphony and Orlando Philharmonic Orchestras and the Saint Andrews String Quartet. Linda enjoys a reputation as an outstanding violist and is a critical element in the Quintessential String Quartet.