



BYRON BERLINE Biography

Byron Berline is a three-time National Fiddle Champion who turned to a musical career after earning a B. A. in Physical Education at the University of Oklahoma. Originally from Oklahoma where he began playing the fiddle at age 5, Byron lived and worked in Los Angeles for 26 years before returning to his home state in 1995.

Byron's professional career reads like Who's Who in the music business as he has performed with or recorded with so many notables. He has led or been a member of the following bands: Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, 1966-1967; Dillard & Clark, 1969-1970; Dillard Expedition, 1970-1971; Country Gazette, 1971-1975; Sundance, 1975-1985; Berline, Cray & Hickman, 1978-1990; L. A. Fiddle Band, 1978-1993; California, 1990-1996; Byron Berline Band, 1996-Present.

Byron is one of the most sought-after session fiddlers in the world. His long list of recording credits includes: The Band, The Byrds, The Eagles, The Rolling Stones, Manhattan Transfer, Bob Dylan, John Denver, Elton John, Olivia Newton-John, Burt Reynolds, Linda Ronstadt, Rod Stewart, Kay Starr, Hoyt Axton, Alabama, Susie Bogus, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Joe Diffy, Vince Gill, Arlo Guthrie, Mickey Gilley, Emmylou Harris, Kirs Kirstofferson, Johnny Lee, Willie Nelson, Red Stegall, Doug Stone, Tammy Wynette, Jethro Burns, The Dillards, John Hartford, Bill Monroe, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Don Reno, Earl Scruggs, Mason Williams, and numerous symphony orchestras.

Byron has extensive movie and commercial soundtrack credits, including work with Henry Mancini, Jerry Fielding, Johnny Williams, and Lalo Schifrin. Byron scored his first major motion picture in 1975, *Stay Hungry*, for director Bob Rafelson. He has also appeared in *Star Trek*, *Blaxx*, *Back to the Future III* and *Basic Instinct*. He has been interviewed by major city newspapers and music magazines throughout the world, and has toured the United States extensively, Europe often, China, Japan, Australia, Northern Africa and the South Pacific. In his spare time Byron enjoys producing albums for his friends and himself.

Byron was inducted into Oklahoma's Musicians Hall of Fame, named Oklahoma's Ambassador of Goodwill, been featured artist at the international convention of the Violin Society of America, and conceived and planned the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival since its beginnings in 1997.

Touted as "one of the most inventive fiddlers ever," Byron Berline's skill, versatility, and artistry continue to be recognized by his peers, the press, and audiences world-wide.