



*"A world class musician with a strong following..."* (Kansas City Star), violinist Diana Seitz is *"a fresh and passionate presence"* on the contemporary classical music scene. Born into a family of professional singers, Diana grew up backstage, traveling with her parents' rock band all over the former Soviet Union. She made her debut at the age of nine as a soloist with a Chamber Orchestra in Moscow, Russia. As a teenager, she went on to become a laureate of Azerbaijan National Young Musician's Competition, performing Paganini's Violin Concerto no.1 with the Azerbaijan State Philharmonic Orchestra, including a fiendishly difficult Cadenza by E. Sauret .

A refugee, forced to leave her Homeland after severe ethnic persecution, Diana stepped off an airplane onto US soil in 1993 and never looked back. She has performed all around the US, including solo appearances with the Valley Symphony Orchestra (Edinburg, TX), Kansas City Civic Orchestra and Kinnor Philharmonic Orchestra, Endless Mountain Music Festival Symphony Orchestra (Corning, NY) and Lancaster Symphony Orchestra (PA). Diana's international career has taken her to the concert halls of Russia, France and Italy and garnered the highest praise of her colleagues:

*"...fabulous technical control, with remarkable facility and intonation and extremely sophisticated bow arm, I was immediately captivated!"* – James VanDemark, Eastman School of Music.

Seitz is a graduate of Moscow Conservatory, where she studied with a student of renowned Russian violinist David Oistrakh. She continued her studies in the United States with Felicia Moyer – the founding violinist of Miami String Quartet, receiving a DMA degree in Violin Performance from the University of Oklahoma. Diana Seitz is presently a Violin Faculty at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg, TX, where she resides with her husband and the youngest of her three children. The joys of parenting and her passion for classical music came together in Diana's latest project "Mozart Mommy and Me" – an educational concert series bringing classical music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds through toddler-friendly outdoor concerts.

Apart from serving as violin faculty at UTRGV, Diana's teaching experience includes Meadowmount School of Music (Westport, NY) Kinhaven Summer School of Music (Weston, VT), Endless Mountain Music Festival (Mansfield, PA), InterHarmony Music Festival (Acqui Terme, Italy). Dr. Seitz also conducted numerous master classes in US, Russia and Europe, including Russian Institute of Culture (Moscow, Russia), Istituto Musicale "Boccherini" (Lucca, Italy) and Conservatoire à Rayonnement Départemental Claude Debussy (Paris, France).

In 2012, Diana recorded and released three singles, including concert crowd pleaser "Amazing Grace". These can be found on iTunes, Spotify and other online retailers.

Diana plays a 1759 Paolo Testore violin.