



Jeffrey Biegel

Jeffrey Biegel is one of today's most respected artists and has created a multi-faceted career as a pianist, composer and arranger. His electrifying technique and mesmerizing touch has won critical acclaim and garners praise throughout the world. Mr. Biegel recently recorded Leroy Anderson's 'Concerto in C' with Leonard Slatkin conducting the BBC Concert Orchestra for Naxos in celebration of the 2008 centennial of Leroy Anderson's birth. His recording of 'Classical Carols' will be available through Koch in Fall 2007. Mr. Biegel is currently assembling a consortium project for William Bolcom's 'Choral Fantasy for Piano, Orchestra and Chorus' for the 2010-11 season with orchestras worldwide.

Until the age of 3, Mr. Biegel was unable to hear or speak, until corrected by surgery. The 'reverse Beethoven' phenomenon can explain Mr. Biegel's life in music, having heard only vibrations in his formative years. Born a second-generation American, Mr. Biegel's roots are of Russian and Austrian heritage.

Jeffrey Biegel was the unanimous recipient of the prestigious First Grand Prize in the 1989 Marguerite Long International Piano Competition and the First Prize in the 1985 William Kapell/University of Maryland International Piano Competition. He studied at the famed Juilliard School from 1979-85 with the legendary artist/teacher Adele Marcus, herself a pupil of Josef Lhevinne and Artur Schnabel. He made his New York orchestral debut in 1983 performing Prokofiev's 'Concerto no. 2 in g minor' with the Juilliard Philharmonia in Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Mr. Biegel's article, 'Soviet Saga', based on a tour of the former Soviet Union with the Seattle Chamber Music Society, was featured in the July/August 1988 issue of *Clavier*, as well as a memorial tribute to Adele Marcus, which appeared in the December 1995 issue of *Piano and Keyboard*.

Mr. Biegel is currently on the piano faculty at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music at Brooklyn College, a City University of New York (CUNY), and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). He resides in New York with his wife, Sharon, and their sons Craig and Evan.