

# Etsushi Edward Kawakami

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## Current Position:

- 2000-present **Conductor: Youth Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra** **Northridge, CA**  
*California State University, Northridge Youth Orchestras*
- Conduct auditions for admission to ensembles, as well as chair placements.
  - Hire and direct musicians for coaching sessions.
  - Select repertoire and programming based on instrumentation, ability level and age appropriateness.
  - Audition and select winners for the annual concerto competition.

## Education:

- 2004 **California State University, Northridge** **Northridge, CA**  
Bachelor of Music in Wind Performance  
Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society
- 1988-1993 **University of Southern California** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Courses in Psychology and Chemistry  
Dean's Scholar, Resident Honors Program Scholar, National Merit Scholar

## Additional Education:

- 2003/2004 **Mozarteum Sommerakademie** **Salzburg, Austria**  
*Orchestras:* Österreichisches Ensemble für Neue Musik (2003)  
Junge Philharmonie Salzburg (2004)  
*Instructors:* Johannes Kalitzke (2003)  
Peter Gülke (2004)
- 2002 **Conductors Guild Workshop** **Puerto Rico, USA**  
*Orchestra:* Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra  
*Instructors:* Harold Farberman, Guillermo Figueroa
- 2002-2003 **Jorge Mester Masterclass** **Los Angeles, CA**
- 2001-2003 **Private Studies with Jorge Mester** **Pasadena, CA**
- 2001 **Conductors Guild Workshop** **Santa Cruz, CA**  
*Orchestra:* Cabrillo Music Festival Orchestra  
*Instructors:* Gustav Meier, Marin Alsop

**Conducting and Teaching Experience:**

<b>CSUN Youth Philharmonic</b> Guest Conductor: March 2009	<b>Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, CA</b>
<b>Junge Philharmonie Salzburg</b> Guest Conductor: July 2004 Selected from Mozarteum Sommerakademie participants to conduct in the final concert.	<b>Salzburg, Austria</b>
<b>Österreichisches Ensemble Für Neue Musik</b> Guest Conductor: August 2003 Selected from Mozarteum Sommerakademie participants to conduct in the final concert.	<b>Salzburg, Austria</b>
<b>Theater Repertory of Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Conductor: 2003-07	<b>Northridge, CA</b>
<b>CSUN Wind Ensemble</b> Guest Conductor: 2001-02	<b>Northridge, CA</b>
<b>CSUN University Choir</b> Assistant Conductor: Spring 2001	<b>Northridge, CA</b>
<b>CSUN Symphony Orchestra</b> Assistant Conductor: 2000-02	<b>Northridge, CA</b>
<b>Kadima Conservatory Philharmonic</b> Music Director: 2000-05	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
<b>CSUN Wind Symphony</b> Interim Conductor: Spring 1998	<b>Northridge, CA</b>
<b>Aspiro Orchestra</b> Co-Founder, Co-Music Director: 1998-2001	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
<b>CSUN Department of Theater</b> <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> Conductor: Fall 1998	<b>Northridge, CA</b>

**International Competitions**

<b>Pedrotti International Conducting Competition</b> Competitor: 2006
<b>Vakhtang Jordania International Conducting Competition</b> Competitor: 2004

**Adjudicator / Clinician**

- Grand Canyon Music Festival:** **Flagstaff, AZ**  
**Northern Arizona University**  
Clinician and Adjudicator: 5/2007, 10/2007, 4/2008
- CSUN Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition** **Northridge, CA**  
Adjudicator: 5/2006, 5/2007
- Glendale School District Concerto Competition** **Glendale, CA**  
Adjudicator: 4/2003, 4/2005

**Performing and Teaching Experience as Flutist**

**Freelance Flutist**

Perform with various orchestras and ensembles in the Los Angeles area

**Japan America Chamber Ensemble**

Substitute Flutist: 2005-2008

**Allegro con Spiracy Wind Quintet**

Principal Flutist: 2004-06

**Private Flute Teacher**

Teach a select studio of intermediate to advanced flute students: 1996-present

**Additional Significant Private Teachers / Mentors:**

**Yasuo Shinozaki:** Music Director – Kymi Sinfonietta, Finland

**David Shostac:** Principal Flute – Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra

**Gary Pratt:** Professor of Music – California State University, Northridge

**Recording Experience:**

- The First Vampire: Don't Fall for the Devil's Illusions** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Conductor: 2004 – Live action short
- Descent** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Conductor: 1997 – Animated short

**Languages**

Conversational Japanese

Beginning German

## References

**Dr. John Roscigno**

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