

MINDY KAUFMAN

Class of 1974

Inducted 2000

Mindy Kaufman, Class of 1974, has been a flutist and piccolo player with the New York Philharmonic for 21 years and has won acclaim as a soloist and chamber music performer.

Ms. Kaufman began her musical studies as a pianist at the age of seven and took up the flute one year later. Her first three years of study were through the White Plains Public School music program. She then studied privately at the Music Conservatory of Westchester.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Ms Kaufman joined the Rochester Philharmonic at the age of nineteen, while still a college student. Three years later, in 1979, she joined the New York Philharmonic, becoming one of the youngest members in its history.

The sole piccolo player with the Philharmonic, she has also served as the associate principal flute many times. She has been a soloist with the New York Philharmonic with both Kurt Maser and Zubin Mehta and plays in the Philharmonic's chamber music series.

Ms. Kaufman has given recitals in New York City at Weill Recital Hall, the Soho Guggenheim Museum, Morgan Library and has performed and taught master classes at many universities in the United States.

During the 1989-90 season, while on leave from the New York Philharmonic, she served as principal flutist with the Milwaukee Symphony. In 1995, Ms. Kaufman served as principal flutist with the Colorado Music Festival, and for six summers has performed with the Grand Teton Music Festival.

Record credits include a number of works with the New York Philharmonic, a Limited Edition album of Philharmonic soloists, and several recordings with the Milwaukee Symphony. She frequently performs on the soundtracks of movies such as "The Cotton Club," "The Untouchables," and "The Hudsucker Proxy."