



## Phillip W. Serna to Visit Hill Middle School

Famed Teacher and Performer

### Hill Middle School -- 9/23/2005 7:30:00 AM

Phillip W. Serna, bass teacher and performer will be visiting the Hill Middle School orchestra department on Sept. 22 periods 1-3 and working (for free!) with bass students and performing third period for the sixth grade orchestra.

- Phillip W. Serna Biography •

A native of Houston Texas, Phillip W. Serna (double bass, bass guitar, guitar, and viola da gamba) is an active and enthusiastic performer of early music, as well as the contemporary, solo, orchestral, and chamber repertoires. Phillip earned his Bachelor of Music in double bass performance with Stephen Tramontozzi at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1998. Phillip later completed his Master of Music in 2001 as a Northwestern University/ Civic Orchestra of Chicago Graduate Fellow. Currently, Phillip is rigorously pursuing the Doctor of Music degree at Northwestern University, studying double bass with Chicago Symphony Orchestra member Michael Hovnanian and viola da gamba with Newberry Consort member Mary Springfels.

Since 2003, Phillip has been principal double bass of the Northbrook Symphony and has performed regularly throughout the Chicago area with other orchestras such as the Illinois Philharmonic, Kenosha Symphony, Racine Symphony, Rockford Symphony, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, as well as the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. In July of 2003, Phillip performed Estonian composer Eduard Tubin's stirring Concerto for Double Bass with Northwestern University's Summer Orchestra under the direction of Robert Hasty.

Phillip has also performed on viola da gamba and period double bass/ violone with period instrument ensembles and organizations such as the Apollo Chorus, the Chicago Consort, Chicago Opera Theater's Period Opera *Così fan Tutte*, Classical Arts Orchestra, *Comic Intermezzo*, Early Music Chicago, the Janus Ensemble, Northwestern University's Evelyn Dunbar Memorial Early Music Festival, the Oriana Singers, the Second City Musick, as well as The Forces of Virtue Ensemble and Choir, dedicated to raising money for disaster relief and other charities.

In addition to his intense performance schedule, Phillip teaches lessons on double bass, bass guitar, guitar, viola da gamba, and presents master classes and workshops on modern and period double bass. He currently teaches at Carl Sandburg High School in School District 230, Glenbard High School South and East in School District 87, the Illinois Math and Science Academy, Wheeling High School in School District 214, Willowbrook High School in DuPage High School District 88 and Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville's Indian Prairie School District 204. Phillip formerly taught at Beautiful Music in Downers Grove, Chicago's Sherwood Conservatory of Music and at Maine Township High Schools West, East, and South in Maine Township School District 207. Phillip lives in Plainfield, IL with his best friend and wife, Magdalena.

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