



Michael Isadore's versatile clarinet career involves performances as an orchestral and chamber musician, concerto soloist, recitalist, lecturer and teacher. In addition to his position with the VSO, Isadore also holds the 2<sup>nd</sup> clarinet position with the Symphony of Southeast Texas and principal clarinet with the Houston Gilbert and Sullivan Society. As a soloist, Isadore has performed concertos with the South Texas Symphony Orchestra, Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra, Houston Civic Symphony and the Houston Sinfonietta. As a freelance clarinetist, Isadore has performed with many ensembles in the Houston area, including the Houston Symphony.

Instrumental in advancing new music for clarinet and flute, Isadore, in conjunction with Leone Buyse and Michael Webster (Rice University), founded the Flute/Clarinet Duos Consortium (FCDC) with the goal of increasing the repertoire for flute, clarinet, and piano by leading composers. Through previous interaction with Libby Larsen, Isadore reconnected with Ms. Larsen for the initial commission of *Barn Dances*, published by Oxford University Press. Isadore premiered the third FCDC commission by Valerie Coleman at the 2007 National Flute Convention in Albuquerque and remains on the board of this national organization, which continues to bring new works into the Flute/Clarinet genre.

Michael Isadore also serves as a conductor in the Houston area. Working with professional and educational groups, Isadore brings energetic, authentic, and musically moving performances of music from yesterday and today to the concert hall. Isadore currently serves as Associate Conductor with the Houston Civic Symphony and the Philharmonia conductor of the Houston Youth Symphony, in addition to being the director of orchestras at Dulles High School. In 2010, Isadore received an award granted by the Houston Symphony for his commitment to Education and Artistic Excellence.

Although juggling many musical hats, Isadore draws on these diverse experiences to formulate to his musical outlook. Outside of music, Isadore stays busy with a variety of hobbies ranging from ice hockey, competitive squash and badminton to knitting.