

Richard Auldon Clark

Class of 1982

Richard Clark received a B.A. and an M.M. in music from the Manhattan School of Music where he studied violin and the viola. While at the conservatory, he founded the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra (MCO).

In 1989, at age 25, he made his conducting debut at Carnegie Hall as the second youngest conductor (after Leonard Bernstein) to perform there. He has conducted more than 100 world-premiere performances and has 26 CD recordings. The MCO has a heavy touring and recording schedule and performs at all of New York's major concert halls. The MCO was the recipient of the 1995 Lincoln Center Arts Project Award, has received four-star reviews from major music publications, has received pre-nominations for a Grammy and was featured "Live in Concert" at the Lincoln Center in 1995. Clark has also played record dates for such stars as Lena Home and Natalie Cole and recorded sound tracks for television specials. He has served on the faculty at the Manhattan School of Music and Rutgers University.

Recently, Clark returned to his roots as Music Director of the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival in 2006 and joined Julia Figueras live in Rochester's WXXI studio for "Backstage Pass." He is currently Associate Professor of Music at Butler University and conductor of Butler Symphony Orchestra.