

Known for his "delicious quality of tone" Kevin Rivard is the Co-Principal Horn of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, and Principal Horn of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra. As a soloist and chamber musician, he has performed with the New Century Chamber Orchestra, Music@Menlo, the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and the LA Chamber Orchestra.

Winner of numerous solo competitions, he was awarded Grand Prize at the 2008 Concours International d'Interpretation Musicale in Paris, the 2007 International Horn Competition of America, the 2003 Farkas Solo Horn competition, and in 2001 was a Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

Mr. Rivard has served as guest Principal Horn with both the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra, and was a featured soloist with the Houston Symphony. Previous positions include the Colorado Symphony and Florida Orchestra. A Juilliard graduate, Mr. Rivard spends his summers performing and teaching with the Aspen Music festival and Music@Menlo. As one of the horn professors at San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Mr. Rivard loves teaching and inspiring the next generation of horn players. Every year he volunteers at local schools performing for youth, hoping to give as many children as possible the opportunity to enjoy live music.