

ARMADILLO STRING QUARET

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REVIEWS



"Your concert was worth the price of the cruise alone!"

Norman Frank - Passenger

'Silver Whisper' - Silversea Cruises (Caribbean 2002).

"You should see all the comment cards... they are chock full of praise for you (the Armadillo String Quartet). They love the huge variety of music that you play... that you don't just play Classical music. The passengers just love you."

Andrea - Chief Purser

Silver Whisper - Silversea Cruises (Caribbean 2002).

"What a wonderful concert and what a treat it is to have such fine entertainers (such as the Armadillo String Quartet) on board with us."

Ray Solaire - Cruise Director

Silver Whisper - Silversea Cruises (Caribbean 2002).

"Your concert was wonderful. It was just what passengers needed at such a difficult time. The dedication you performed (for the victims of the World Trade Centre) was just the right thing for a time like this."

Mr. Colin Brown - Cruise Director

'Silver Wind' - Silversea Cruises - 2001

"I really enjoyed your concert and the passengers loved it too. I can't believe how many people stopped me in the halls to give me accolades for having such a wonderful and diverse group. Of course the accolades belong to you. Thank you for putting on such a great show."

Mr. Tony Sher - Cruise Director

'Silver Wind' - Silversea Cruises - 2001

"Your music gave so much joy and so did your delightful company. Having had individual chats with you all I feel I've known the four of you for years! I've played you're CD twice this evening and it brings back such nice memories of the Silver Wind"

Mrs. Carol Shipman - Passenger

'Silver Wind'- Silversea Cruises - 2001

"You guys are so great! Thanks for playing the Bocherini (Quintet for string quartet and guitar) with me on my concert. The passengers loved it. I'm going to talk to my agent in New York and get us some concerts together."

Mr. Martin Mastik - Guest Entertainer

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist _____

Silver Wind'- Silversea Cruises - 2001

"Thank you for your wonderful performance last night. We had no idea we would find such excellent quality entertainment out here in the middle of the Atlantic. You are the highlight of our cruise."

Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Giesella Wilson

QE2 - Trans-Atlantic - 2000

_____ "...Thank you. Many passengers have commented on how much they have enjoyed your wonderful music. _____"

Captain Burton Hall

Captain, Queen Elizabeth 2 - World Cruise 1995

"...I well remember the Armadillo String Quartet, a talented Canadian group, filling the packed Wheelhouse Bar with Schubert and Brahms on a special afternoon at sea."

John Maxtone-Graham Naval Historian / Author
Guest Lecturer, Sun Princess 1996
Excerpt from John Maxtone's Princess Commemorative Book

"...You're broadening my (musical) horizons!...You sell your music very well, and I love your broad range of repertoire. You wear a lot of different hats, from classical to jazz to country. It's great! "

Mr. Abe Loft, Violinist
25 year member of "The Fine Arts String Quartet."
Professor at the Eastman School of Music.
Passenger, "Dawn Princess", Southern Caribbean 1999.

"I would like to take a moment to comment on the outstanding classical concert conducted by the Armadillo String Quartet. By far, this was the most enjoyable 50 minutes of the entire cruise. Please extend for me, my whole-hearted gratitude to these wonderful performers and professionals."

David Shiffert
Passenger, Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"...I expected some entertainment like the evening shows which were O.K. but I did not expect to have a string quartet on board. Congratulations to the management. The Armadillo String Quartet was a great choice, not only because it gives a young group of musicians a chance to perform and show off their talents, but it brings classical music in a delightful way to a general audience which normally may not get any experience of the classics. The Armadillos have an excellent repertoire which combines popular music with the classics. They show their enthusiasm for music every time they pick up their bows, and that enthusiasm seems to be contagious. They are an excellent group, and have extraordinary foundations and knowledge of their trade and craft."...

Hanns Kretzsthmar MD
Passenger, Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"The Armadillo String Quartet has been a great asset on board the Cunard flagship, the **Queen Elizabeth 2**, during the vessel's 1995 World Cruise. Their musical presentations have been varied, ranging from the classics to popular and jazz standards. They have been well received by our passengers and have performed in many different venues from formal recitals in the ship's theater to background areas. They have also performed many times as a prelude to our evenings cabaret entertainment in the Grand Lounge. I have no hesitation in recommending them for future work."

Sincerely, Peter Longley
Cruise Director, Queen Elizabeth 2, World Cruise 1995

"...passengers are constantly praising your group in their comment forms. I think you're wonderful. You really add a 'touch of class' to the vessel."

Captain Bernie Warner
Captain, Dawn Princess, Alaska & Caribbean 1997

"The Armadillo String Quartet has provided first class classical and popular musical enjoyment for the passengers on the new **Dawn Princess** during its inaugural *Alaska and Caribbean* 1997/98 seasons. The quartet's popularity has been consistently recognized each week through the passenger's cruise evaluation forms. Their enormous and varied repertoire allows them to play 'requests' ranging from jazz, gypsy and show tunes to the popular classics. They have been featured in afternoon concerts in the Wheelhouse Bar, and have performed for tea time and pre-dinner music in the Grand Atrium. I have no hesitation in recommending the Armadillo String Quartet for employment. I have enjoyed having them on my entertainment staff. They are truly not your average string quartet"

Sincerely, Rick Powell , Musical Director, Dawn Princess, Alaska & Caribbean, 1997

"You get so many good comments from the passengers. You're the best entertainment on the ship."

Commodore Stan Jamison
Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"... the whole trip was worth it for your music alone - what a delight - that's my idea of fine entertainment. I am amazed at your variety. You were the highlight of my cruise."

Mrs. Martha Loewen
Passenger, Regent Sea, Hawaii Cruise 1993

"...You all added a great deal to our entertainment and are to be complimented on your professional and talented performances."

Major General John Barnes
Passenger, Regent Sea, South American Cruise 1994

"...we love listening to you play. You are the highlight of the cruise."

Honorable Dorothy Vislosky
Senior District Justice, Supreme Court PA.
Passenger, Queen Elizabeth 2, World Cruise 1995

"...I could sit and listen to you play all day. Thank you for your wonderful music."

Mr. Takeo Higuchi
GM, Tokyo Telecommunications Network Co.
Passenger, Queen Elizabeth 2, World Cruise 1995

"...Your music is better than the food!"

Passenger
Rotterdam, Alaska Cruise 1995

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Quote: Princess' Commemorative Book

...You've made this cruise so memorable for us. You gave us the most pleasure. Thank you!"

Tom & Margarita Reid
Passengers, Sun Princess 1996

"...We love your music. Thank you from the bottom of my mind."

'Tank' Lee
Passenger, Superstar Capricorn, Japan/Taiwan 1997

"...your concert was fantastic! We've never had a standing ovation like this for any other entertainment before. Congratulations!"

Passenger
Rembrandt, Trans-Atlantic crossing 1998

"The Armadillo String Quartet made the difference to our cruise. Their music gave the ship real class. The broad extent of their music was wonderful. They are a very talented group."

Sincerely, John Lawrence
Passenger, Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"...thank you for the beautiful music which so enriched our cruise! It was by far the most satisfying entertainment we have had during the last few days. It was really delightful!"

Alie Lewis
Passenger, Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"The Armadillo String Quartet played so many things -- the broad extent of their music was wonderful!"

Susan Ellen Lund , Passenger, Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"... What a delight your concert was. It's so wonderful to hear your group. You're fantastic."

Anne Rice

Passenger, Little Rock, Arkansas 1998

"... Thanks for an always superb respite to us with your impeccably lyrical presentations! We enjoyed you immensely!"

Jill & Norm

Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"... Your music added an unexpected tone of sophistication and elegance to the cruise. Thank you very much."

Passenger

Dawn Princess, Alaska 1998

"YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE... certainly four of the most talented people on the ship. Versatile crowd pleasers."

Linda & Jim Ready

Sea Princess 1999

"YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE....wonderful music and individuals - played encores to accomodate requests and spent time with passengers."

Jack Ready

Sea Princess 1999

"YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE...spectacular music, wonderul personalities (you) brightened up our trip"

James N. Thompson

Sea Princess 1999

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