

## Ted Falcon

Born in New York, Ted Falcon grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He first started playing the piano at age five then switched to the violin when he was six.

The son of a professional guitarist, Ted grew up listening to jazz and the Brazilian music of Villa-Lobos, Tom Jobim and Luiz Bonfá. Further study of Brazilian choro music at Indiana University fueled his passion for the sound and brought him to form his own group, the Los Angeles Choro Ensemble. He has dedicated himself exclusively to the study of Brazilian music and choro for the past 7 years, recording several Brazilian instrumental CD's, *Memórias do Brasil* and *Transcontinental Music Express*, as well as writing a mandolin book, *Retratos do Brasil*.

He is also one of the few innovators on the violin, an instrument rarely used in Brazilian popular music. In 2006 and 2007, he performed around the world headlining and touring in Japan, the U.S. and Brazil. In many different trips to Brazil, he has performed with some of the biggest names of Brazilian music, including Armandinho and Gilberto Gil, as well as featured performances on TV Senado, TV Camara, SESC Instrumental and Radio Nacional. (with *Época de Ouro*)

In the U.S., Ted has played with David Grisman, Mike Marshall and has recorded with Ben E. King and Suzanne Vega. He has toured as a featured violinist with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and with Ringling Bros' Kaleidoscope circus. As a studio musician, he has played on many string quartet tribute recordings for Weezer, Korn, the Cure, Linkin Park and on national television programs including *Judging Amy*, *Charmed* and the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno.

In 2008, Ted moved to Brazil, to immerse himself in the rich musical culture. He has performed or recorded with Alessandro Penezzi, Roberta Valente, Jovino Santos Neto, Dominginhos, Gilberto Gil, Armandinho e trio elétrico, Baby do Brasil, Pablo Fagundes, Zé Barbeiro, Emiliano Castro, Léo Rodrigues, Thiago Espirito Santo, Marcos Ariel, Rick Udler, Vinicius Gomes, Marcus Moraes, George Lacerda, Fernando César, Amoy Ribas, Henrique Neto, Pedro Vasconcellos, Oswaldo Amorim, Paulo André, Proveta, Ricardo Herz, Nicolas Krassik, Hamilton de Holanda, Silverio Pontes, Danilo Brito, Milton Mori, Dudu Maia, Izaías, Alexandre Ribeiro, Fabiano Nascimento, Hamilton Pinheiro, Raphael dos Anjos and many other great Brazilian musicians.

In 2009, Ted moved to the nation's capital of Brasilia and joined the faculty of Brazil's most respected choro school as professor of violin. (the *Escola Brasileira de Choro Raphael Rabello*)