



Richard Stagg

Based in London

Richard Stagg is a professional flute-player who retired recently after 33 years of service in the BBC Symphony Orchestra. He has been playing the shakuhachi since 1982, when he began a course of lessons with Yoshikazu Iwamoto, who is a highly-gifted pupil of Katsuya Yokoyama and a noted exponent of the Kinko school of shakuhachi, and who taught at Dartington and later at York and Durham Universities.

Richard adheres to this school of playing and has taught a large number of pupils privately. He also makes, repairs, modifies and tunes shakuhachi, and provides these services to customers on request.

His playing features in approximately ten compact discs issued by ARC Music of East Grinstead (specialists in World and Ethnic Music) notably in those named 'The Art Of' series with the Yamato Ensemble, also in 'Japanese Music by Michio Miyagi' and in 'Masters of the Shakuhachi' (duets with Hidekazu Katoh) as well as in his own solo shakuhachi album. The ARC discs referred to are catalogued as follows:- EUCD1248; EUCD1364; EUCD1717; EUCD1777; EUCD1868; EUCD2096; EUCD2112.