

DR. KENT RAUTENSTRAUS

Pianist Specializing in Elegant Events

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Kent Rautenstraus, 57, is a professional pianist who plays a variety of musical styles at numerous elegant events in his home state of Colorado, and throughout the United States. He played piano on two occasions for President Bill Clinton in his capacity as pianist to Colorado Governor Roy Romer, and once for President George W. Bush at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver. In December 1999, Kent was honored to play piano at the White House in Washington, D. C. for a United States Treasury Department reception. In August 2008, Kent provided classy piano music at key events associated with the Democratic National Convention held in Denver, including a reception where he entertained House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



In June 2003, at the request of Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb, Kent played piano for five key events at the 71st National Conference of Mayors, also held in Denver. At the Colorado Governor's Mansion spanning a twelve year period, he entertained Vice President Al Gore, His Royal Highness Prince Philip of England, Former First Lady Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, and many distinguished guests, including governors, senators, business leaders, legislators and educators. He was honored to provide piano music for the Governor's son's private family-only wedding and public reception held at the Governor's Mansion, as well as dance music with his band for the Governor's invited guests on New Year's Eve.

At the University of Northern Colorado, he played piano in a concert starring the eccentric comedian Andy Kaufman. He opened for multiple Grammy-winning Singer/Songwriter Kenny Loggins and Dixieland trumpeter Al Hirt, and played at a gala party hosted by the *American Movie Channel* honoring film actor Omar Sharif.

Kent also backed up *Touched By An Angel's* Della Reese and Grammy award winner Larry Gatlin (Gatlin Brothers). He was honored to play piano for the late John Denver. He has collaborated with *Earth, Wind, and Fire* saxophonist Andrew Woolfolk and Jimmy Buffett's *Coral Reefer* guitarist Peter Mayer.

Other musical credentials include providing music at a conference hosted by *New York Times* best-selling author Neale Donald Walsch (*Conversations With God*) as well as seminars with authors Deepak Chopra, Iyanla Vanzant, and Gary Zukav. He played a pipe organ concert near Salzburg, Austria, and a diplomatic reception for the young Shah of Iran. He also played piano regularly at the venerable *Ships Tavern* in the historic Brown Palace Hotel and at the *Centennial Restaurant* located at the Hyatt DTC. His corporate accounts include Lockheed Martin, The Denver Broncos, and numerous country clubs and catering firms, where he is in demand at weddings and receptions. In September 2000, he provided music at an inter-faith conference in Big Sky, MT.

Kent is the Director Emeritus of Music Ministry at Mile Hi Church in Lakewood, CO. He received an honorary Doctorate of Music (D. Mus) degree in February 2005. His recording of original, keyboard music entitled *Luminaire*, designed for deep relaxation and meditation, has sold over 4,000 copies to date. His other original CD *Reverie* is described as "reflective keyboard music for the heart, mind and soul." He also has CDs of instrumental Christmas music entitled *L'Esprit de Noel* which translates as "the spirit of Christmas," and a healing inspiration CD, *Transcendence*. Excerpts of Kent's piano CDs can be heard on the music distribution web-site CDBaby.com, where his CDs may also be purchased, or at www.kentrautenstraus.com.

In addition to his musical activities, Kent and his wife, Kathleen, own and operate Rautenstraus Travel, Inc., which specializes in group travel planning (www.rautenstraustravel.com). They are the parents of a daughter, Melody, 23.