

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Lothar Meisel Inducted in 2011

Lothar Meisel was born in Klingenthal, Germany. Lothar had wanted to become a Forrester growing up, but because of the war he had to give up that dream and became a violin maker. He was the ninth generation of an



unbroken line of father passing to son in the craft of violin making. In January of 1949 he escaped from East Germany and later he worked in Birmingham, England where his parents joined him after their escape in 1952. The family moved to Owatonna, Minnesota in 1957 where Lothar started his own business, Meisel Violins. He passed away on September 22, 2011.