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Pam Gates

In a TV series episode, a young woman with tuberculosis rose from her hospital bed to play a Beethoven piece on the violin. Standing off camera was violinist Pam Gates, playing silently so that the actress could see her and properly imitate the fingering and bowing movements.

That was Gates' first coaching job. The bulk of her career has been spent on scoring stages, recording for numerous TV series including *The Simpsons* and *Family Guy*, motion pictures and commercial jingles. Live television work has included performances on the Oscars, Golden Globes, Grammys, *American Idol*, *The Voice* and *America's Got Talent*. In addition, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, Pasadena Symphony and New West Symphony have been part of her orchestral performance work for over twenty years.

Pam Gates holds two Masters degrees from USC, one in Music Education and the other in Violin Performance. She is the violin coach for the LA Youth Orchestra and also teaches for Harmony Project, an inner city scholarship program for low-income households.