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Alexander Markov, Internationally Celebrated Violinist, Winner of Paganini Gold Medal to Join Steinway artist, Aurelia Mika Chang in performance for Access to Art at 7 p.m. at Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St. Cape May on Sept. 19th

Cape May. Put Sat. Sept. 19th at 7 p.m. on your calendar for a concert with internationally known violinist, Alexander Markov, who sells out Carnegie Hall, and Steinway pianist, Aurelia Mika Chang. They will perform at the Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St. Cape May at 7 p.m. Bloggers wonder if he is Paganini's double, returned to life as they listen to his DVD in which he performs Paganini's 24 Caprices. Sir Yehudi Menuhin says "Alexander Markov will certainly leave his mark on the music-lovers of the world and in the annals of the violin virtuosi of our day. He is without doubt, one of the most brilliant and musical of violinists." Mstislav Rostropovich says: "Once I managed to hear his performance of the 24 Paganini Caprices on TV I am certain that he is one of the most interesting young violinists of his generation in the entire world."

Alexander Markov, violin, winner of the Paganini gold medal, son of Russian/American violinist, Albert Markov, will join Aurelia Mika Chang on Saturday, Sept. 19th, to perform for Access to Art's Sam Maitin Chamber Music Festival at the First United Cape May Methodist Church, 635 Washington St., Cape May at 7 p.m. It is the final concert of the summer/fall chamber series.

Alexander Markov is a Russian American violinist who has received awards from the Paganini International Violin Competition (gold medal) and the Avery Fischer Career Grant. He is known for his recording of Paganini's 24 Caprices for solo violin. A film of Markov playing the Caprices was directed by Bruno Monsaingeon. He is also featured in Monsaingeon's film "The Art of the Violin."

Markov was born in Moscow, and studied violin with his father, concert violinist Albert Markov. By the time he was eight years old, he was appearing as a soloist with orchestras and performing double concertos with his father. Markov emigrated to the U.S. with his parents and received his United States citizenship in 1982. He made his New York debut recital at Carnegie Hall and appeared with Christoph Eschenbach conducting the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra at Avery Fisher Hall.

Markov has recorded for the Erato label, distributed worldwide by Warner Classics. His releases have included the Tchaikovsky pieces for violin and piano. He has performed with Charles Dutoit, Ivan Fischer, Neeme Jarvi, Zdenek Macal, Lorin Maazel, and Gerald Schwarz. He has performed with the orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, the Seattle Symphony and Houston, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Jerusalem Orchestras.

Tickets are \$20. adults, \$15. seniors, and \$10. students. A masterclass will be held in the church at 2 p.m. that day. Call (609) 465-3963 for reservations. Tickets will be available at the door. The concert series is supported, in part, by a grant from Douglass Fudge of Wildwood, the Sheller Family Foundation, Sturdy Savings Bank, the Delaware River and Bay Authority, the Kyriakos Tsakopoulos Fund of the Sacramento Foundation. The advertising fund is supported by a grant from N.J. Travel & Tourism, Dept. of State, John's Tire & Auto, in Wildwood, and the Washington Inn and La Mer Beachfront Inn, Cape May. Dinner and concert specials beginning at 5 p.m. are available at the Washington Inn, Oyster Bay Stead & Seafood Restaurant, and Union Park. Call Barbara at (609) 465-3963 for ticket reservations for thos.