# Meet the Artist



Shlomo Mintz is considered by colleagues, audiences and critics one of the foremost violinists of our time, esteemed for his impeccable musicianship. stylistic versatility, and commanding technique. He has long been acclaimed as a celebrated guest artist with many of the great orchestras and conductors on the international stage and continues to enchant audiences with his playing. Awarded with many prestigious international prizes including the Premio Internazionale Accademia Musicale Chigiana, the Diapason D'Or, the Grand Prix du Disque, the Gramophone Award, the Edison Award and the Cremona Music Award, in 2006 he received an Honorary Degree from the Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Israel. Born in Moscow in 1959, when he was two, his family immigrated to Israel, where he studied with llong Feher, a student of Jeno Hubay, Feher introduced Shlomo Mintz to Isaac Stern, who became his mentor. He was also a student of Dorothy DeLay in New York. His first performance on stage was at age 6 and at age 11, he played as soloist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Soon afterward, he was called on a week's notice by Zubin Mehta to play Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1, Op. 6, with the orchestra when Itzhak Perlman fell ill. He made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of sixteen with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (conducted by William Steinberg). Under the auspices of Isaac Stern and the American-Israel Cultural Foundation he

started studying at the Juilliard School of Music in New York and at the age of 18, he made an extensive tour through Europe and signed, still in his early twenties, a long-term recording contract with Deutsche Grammophon. Berlin, Vienna, Concertgebouw, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York Philharmonic Orchestras then invited him frequently.

Along his career, he has collaborated with such a famous artists like Isaac Stern, Mstislav Rostropovich, Pinchas Zukerman, Itzhak Perlman, Zubin Mehta, Claudio Abbado, Carlo Maria Giulini, Antal Dorati, Erich Leinsdorf, Eugene Ormandy, Riccardo Muti, Yuri Temirkanov, Ida Haendel and Ivry Gitlis, among many others. At the age of eighteen, Mintz launched a parallel career as a conductor, and has since led acclaimed orchestras worldwide including the Royal Philharmonic (United Kingdom), the NHK Symphony (Japan) and the Israel Philharmonic, as well as the Concertgebouw of Amsterdam, La Scala di Milano, London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Stuttgart Radio Orchestra, La Fenice, Detroit Symphony and Teatro Colón. He was music advisor of the Israel Chamber Orchestra from 1989 to 1993, and in March 1994 was appointed artistic advisor and principal guest conductor of the Maastricht Symphony in the Netherlands, which he led for some weeks during four seasons, sometimes as both conductor and violin soloist. In 2008, he became principal guest conductor of the Zagreb Philharmonic. From 2002 to 2012, he was artistic director of the Sion-Valais International Music Festival. Mintz was also the artistic director of Arena di Verona.

Shlomo Mintz gives regularly master classes worldwide and since 2012 he is the Director of Crans-Montana Classics Masterclasses in Switzerland. He was one of the founders of the Keshet Eilon International Violin Mastercourse in Israel, an advanced-level summer program for young talented violinists from all around the world in Kibbutz Eilon, Israel, and served as a patron there for eighteen years (1992-2010) and is one of the main actors/co-founder of the "Violins of Hope" project: forty-five violins whose owners lost their lives in ghettos and concentration camps during World War II, restored and displayed internationally. The Violins of Hope were presented in a special event in Jerusalem for the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the State of Israel.

Regularly invited by the most prestigious international competitions, Mintz has served as a jury member Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow (1993) and the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Brussels (1993 and 2001). He was also invited to be jury president of the International Henryk Wieniawski Competition (October 2001) for the Violin in Poznań, Poland. From 2002 to 2011, he was jury president of the Sion Valais-International Violin Competition in Switzerland. Currently, he is a mentor and jury president of the International Violin Competition in Buenos Aires, president of the Ilona Fehér Budapest Violin Competition, the Munetsugu Angel Violin Competition Japan and HKIVS Shlomo Mintz Beijing International Violin Competition. To celebrate Shlomo Mintz's 60th Birthday, Deutsche Grammophon have re-released his recordings as a 13 CD Edition. These include the legendary recordings of the Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, Sibelius, Lalo and Vieuxtemps violin concertos with great orchestras and conductors such as Claudio Abbado and Zubin Mehta. In recent times Mintz has added composing to his talents as violinist, violist and conductor, with compositions for orchestra and chamber ensembles. His "Anthem To An Unkown Nation" was premiered in June 2017 at the Vigadó Grand Hall, Budapest and his Sonatina for violin and piano, premiered in Domodossola and Istanbul on October 2017.



2022-2023 Season

Kevin Hekmatpanah, music director

December 5, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Shlomo Mintz, violin soloist



Those fortunate persons who attended the concert had the singular occasion to listen to one of the greatest violinists of these days.

- La Nacion, Buenos Aires

Program:

Copland Fanfare for the Common Man

Verdi

Triumphal March and Ballet from Aïda

Dvořák

Carnival Overture, Op. 92

Sibelius

**Violin Concerto** 





## PROGRAM

FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN

AARON COPLAND

(1900 - 1990)

TRIUMPHAL MARCH AND BALLET FROM AÏDA

GIUSEPPE VERDI (1813 - 1901)

CARNIVAL OVERTURE, Op. 92

Antonin Dvořák (1841 - 1904)

JEAN SIBELIUS

(1865 - 1957)

INTERMISSION

VIOLIN CONCERTO IN D MINOR, Op. 47

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Adagio di molto

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Grace Applegate
Sara Whelchel
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#### HORN

Brent Allen, principal Steve Getman Paul Manly Mike Graef

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Alex Ko
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John Church, principal Marc Houdayer Samuel Morozov

### TUBA Steve Goertz

TIMPANI
Jericho DeJesus

#### PERCUSSION

Carter Alanis
Jackson Ferber
Ethan Pelton

# UPCOMING SEASON

March 6th @ 7:30 p.m. Richard Goode, piano soloist



Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor May 1st @ 7:30 p.m.

Pascal Rogé and Barbara Binet, piano soloists





Berlioz: Hungarian March Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre Dukas: Sorcerer's Apprentice Poulenc: Two Piano Concerto Ravel: Piano Concerto

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