

Alexander Sevastian

Accordion

Alexander Sevastian was born on October 2nd, 1976 in Minsk, Belarus. He started playing the accordion at the age of seven.

After finishing the musical school in 1991 he entered the Glinka Musical College in Minsk where he was taught by Myron Boula. After finishing the college he entered the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow in the class of Professor Friedrich Lips. In July 1998, Alexander was trained by Professor Elsbeth Moser at the Sofia Goubaidulina Master Class in Avignon, France.

In 1996 - 2001 he was working in the Russian TV and Radio orchestra (art director Nickolai Nekrasov). With this orchestra he recorded many TV performances and radio archive tapes.

Alexander regularly took part in the music festivals such as "Moscow Autumn", "Bayan and Bayanists", "Young Composers Introduce..."

Since April of 2001, Alexander has been living in Toronto, Canada. He has been playing with Toronto Woodwinds, an ensemble that was awarded the first prize at "The Golden Accordion International Competition" in December 2001 (New York).

In May 2002 he completed his post-graduate course in Moscow (class of Professor Friedrich Lips) and also completed an Advanced Certificate in Performance program from the University of Toronto (class of Professor Joseph Macerollo).

He has performed concerts in 30 Russian cities as well as concerts in Belarus, Ukraine, Germany, Italy and Japan. He has given several premier performances, including the works of Berinsky, Bronner, Korolchuk, Zelenski and Khondo.

Since September 2002 Alexander has been playing with an internationally recognized group "Quartetto Gelato", www.quartettogelato.ca. He has been touring regularly in both the United States and Canada with this ensemble.

In November 2002 he made his debut with the Hamilton Symphony (under Boris Brott) and has since performed as soloist with the Toronto Symphony, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra as well with orchestras in Victoria, Quebec City, Kelowna, Kamloops, Windsor, Edmonton, Charleston, Mississauga, Sioux City and Nanaimo.

In 2007 he won the prestigious Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Championships, held in Washington DC. Since that time his solo engagements have included appearances in Serbia, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the USA and several major tours in Canada.

He released his first CD on ANALEKTA label "Russian Favorites" and a second one, "Tango Dreams" is released in Spring 2013.

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