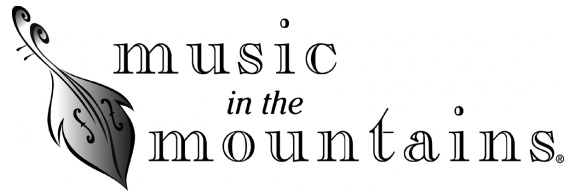


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DURANGO, CO., June 21, 2010 – Combine the spirit of the majestic San Juan Mountains with the music of internationally, acclaimed violinist, Dmitri Berlinsky. The stage is set for two amazing evenings to begin the 24th season of Music in the Mountains Classical Music Festival and Conservatory. Berlinsky – accompanied by wife, Elena Baksht on piano - will perform at Gala Benefit concerts on **July 10, 6:30 p.m. at The Springs Resort, Pagosa Springs** and **July 11, 5 p.m. at the Durango Mountain Club at Purgatory Lodge** in Durango.

Born in Saint Petersburg, Russia into a family of musicians, Berlinsky began studying the violin with his father. At a very early age he appeared as soloist with the St. Petersburg Symphony and the Moscow Philharmonic. He arrived on the international scene as the youngest winner in the history of the Paganini International Violin Competition in Genoa, Italy and his performance gained him the privilege of playing on Nicolo Paganini's own Guarneri del Gesù instrument, a privilege shared by only a handful of artists. Subsequent triumphs at the Montreal International Violin Competition, the International Tchaikovsky Competition and the Queen Elizabeth Competition in Brussels, led to appearances with major orchestras in Europe, Russia, the Far East, North and South America. He currently serves on the faculty at Michigan State University. In addition to his solo performances and his teaching, Berlinsky is the founder of the International Chamber Soloists.

Gala guests on both evenings will enjoy an elegant reception followed by an intimate concert by Dmitri Berlinsky. A limited number of tickets are available. Reserve your tickets online, in person at the Festival Office in Durango, Chamber of Commerce in Pagosa Springs or by phone.

The three-week Festival runs July 10 through August 1, 2010. Tickets may be purchased online at www.musicinthemountains.com, in person at the Festival Office, 1063 Main Avenue and the Community Concert Hall Ticket Office, 707 ½ Main Avenue in Durango or by calling (970) 385-6820. Group and Series ticket discounts are available. Pagosa Springs concert tickets may also be purchased at the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, 402 San Juan in Pagosa Springs.

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