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Based in central Manitoba and incorporated in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Prairie Debut is a charitable status organization whose goal is to encourage community presenters to strive for artistic excellence in the presentation of professional classical and world music. The organization works to strengthen the interprovincial relationship of community presenters and contribute to the career development of Canadian professional classical and world artists by creating touring opportunities.

Since its inception in 1997, Prairie Debut has toured over 85 Canadian artists and ensembles throughout the following communities:

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For more information, please visit: www.prairiedebut.com

Lynne Bailey, Executive Director, Prairie Debut



Alexander Sebastian

ACCORDIONIST



2011.12 TOUR

Brandon MB
Sunday, October 16/2011
Brandon University ProSeries
Lorne Watson Recital Hall,
Brandon University at 3:00PM

Snow Lake MB
Monday, February 6/2012
Ravna House Concerts
Ravna House at 7:00PM

Swift Current SK
Friday, February 10, 2012
Swift Current Allied Arts Council
Living Sky Centre at 8:00PM

Estevan SK
Sunday, February 12, 2012
Estevan Arts Council
St. Paul's United at 8:00PM

Weyburn SK
Monday, February 13, 2012
Weyburn Concert Series
Weyburn Comprehensive High
School at 7:30PM

Kipling SK
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Kipling & District Arts Council
Kipling Comm. Centre at 7:30PM

Yorkton SK
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Yorkton Arts Council
Anne Portnuff Theatre, Yorkton
Regional High School at 8:00PM

Tisdale SK
Thursday, February 16, 2012
Tisdale Arts Council
Tisdale RECplex at 7:30PM



Melfort SK
Friday, February 17, 2012
Melfort Arts Council
CJVR Perf. Arts Theatre at 7:30PM

Biggar SK
Saturday, February 18, 2012
Biggar & District Arts Council
Majestic Theatre at 7:30PM

Rosthern SK
Sunday, February 19, 2012
Station Arts Centre
Station Arts Centre at 7:30PM

Canora SK
Monday, February 20, 2012
Canora Arts Council
Canora Composite School at 7:30PM

ARTIST PROFILE

Alexander Sevastian, accordionist

With three first prize wins at the International Accordion Competition to his credit, Alexander Sevastian has truly commanded the world's attention as one of the best. His awards extend from early in his career to current achievements. He first gained attention in the musical world when he won the Norway's Oslofjord Accordion Competition in 1988. Shortly following, he won The Cup of the North in Russia in 2000, the 2001 Anthony Gallarini Accordion Competition in the US and most recently, first prize at the 2009 Roland Competition in Toronto.

Born in Minsk, Belarus, Alexander began his accordion studies at the age of seven. In 1991, he attended the Glinka Musical College in Minsk. His advanced studies took him to Moscow's famed Gnessin Academy of Music where he graduated with his Masters Degree in Performance, studying with renowned performer and pedagogue, Friedrich Lips. While at the Gnessin Academy, Alexander extended his studies to include piano, conducting, and philosophy.

He began his professional performance career in Moscow in 1996 where he was quickly heard performing with the Russian Radio Orchestra. Following his first performance, he has subsequently toured as soloist with the Russian Radio Orchestra throughout Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Italy and Japan. Alex is also a very active recitalist and chamber musician. His performances have graced the stages in such prestigious venues as Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, The Great Hall of Moscow Conservatory, St. Petersburg's Glinka Capella Hall, Tokyo's Suntory Hall, and Minato Mirai Hall. Recent solo and orchestral engagements include recitals in Canada, the US, Mexico, and Italy. Alexander Sevastian's album, RUSSIAN FAVOURITES, was released in September of 2011 on the Analekta label.

Alex and his family moved to Canada in April 2001. Within one year, he joined the internationally recognized Quartetto Gelato and in 2003, he completed an Advanced Certificate in Performance at the University of Toronto where he studied with Joseph Macerollo. Over the past five years, with the quartet, Alex has extensively toured Canada, the US, Italy, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Estonia, and Guatemala. Alex lives in Toronto with his wife Anna and son Vladimir and in 2005, proudly became a Canadian citizen.

www.accordions.com/sevastian

The artist is represented by Agence Station Bleue, Montreal.
www.stationbleue.com

ARTIST PROGRAM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
Sonata in D minor
Sonata D Major
Sonata E Major

Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826)
An Invitation to the Dance

Russian folklore (arr. by Ivan Panitsky) (1906-1990)
Kalinushka

Vyatcheslav Semenov (b. 1946)
Don Rhapsody No. 1

INTERMISSION

Vladislav Zolotaryov (1942-1975)
Chamber Suite

- I. Evening Prelude
- II. Moonlight Spurting Outdoors
- III. Snowfall at Night
- IV. Mysterious Visions
- V. I am Calling Instances of Gloomy Sorrow
- VI. An Old Fairy Tale

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)
Barcarolle

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Troika
Autumn Song

Georgy Shenderyov (1937-1984)
Russian Dance