

## HRISTO POPOV, VIOLINIST

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“Virtuoso-violinist extraordinaire”, **Hristo Popov**, brings tremendous experience to the concert stage. Popov made his orchestral debut at the age of nine and since then has performed throughout the United States, England, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, Switzerland, and Mexico as both recitalist and concerto soloist. He is founding member of The New York Empire Trio exclusively presented by Bulgarian Virtuosi Artists.

Hristo Popov began his musical education in Bulgaria at the school for gifted children “Dobrin Petkov” in the city of Plovdiv. However, he has completed most of his studies in the United States of America. He is a graduate of Idyllwild Arts Academy, Oberlin College, and Kent State University and University of Kentucky. Notable mentors include Taras Gabora, Daniel Mason, Wolfgang Marschner, Todor Pelev, Michael Tseitlin, and Oleh Krysa. In addition, he has participated in master classes led by Cho-Liang Lin, Ifrah Nieman, and Tokyo String Quartet.

Hristo Popov is a prizewinner at the Kozian International Violin Competition, Silver Medalist at the California Young Artist Competition, winner of the Grand Prize at the International Institute of Music (Germany, USA), first place at the American String Teachers' Association Chamber Music Competition. He has appeared as guest artist in numerous festivals such as Park City International Music Festival, Plovdiv International Chamber Music Festival, and the Sofia Musical Weeks Music Festival. Popov has performed in major Performing Arts Centers in the United States including the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion - Los Angeles, Severance Hall - Cleveland, John F. Kennedy Center - Washington D.C, and Casa Verdi – Milan, Italy.

Dr. Popov is a fierce advocate for the arts in several communities in Ohio. He serves as Artistic Director of the Chagrin Valley Chamber Music Concert Series, [www.chagrinmusic.org](http://www.chagrinmusic.org), and is Founder and Artistic Director of Summer Workshop for Strings in Sandusky, Ohio – an intense program for string studies that results in numerous performances. During the season 2004-2005, he served as Audience Coordinator at Opera Circle in Cleveland, Ohio, and he has appeared as chamber musician, concertmaster and soloist in many of their productions. Currently, he is on the faculty at Kent State University and Western Reserve Academy in Ohio.

Hristo Popov performs music from the standard repertoire as well as significant works of the contemporary genre. American composer Thomas Janson has recently composed a number of works specifically for him. He has also premiered works by the American composer and author Rick Sowash. Dr. Popov performs over twenty violin concerti and he maintains a wide variety of recital programs. His performances have been documented on TV and radio stations in United States, Mexico, and Bulgaria and has recorded albums for TC Recordings and Bravante Records. He continues to receive rave reviews - As described by *Kultur am Ort*, Germany, Popov “proved to be a true virtuoso...he fascinated the audience with his warm Bohemian magically sweet tone and unsurpassed brilliance!” Mr. Popov is presented by Bulgarian Virtuosi Artists. **More info:** [www.HPopov.com](http://www.HPopov.com)