

Coral Gables Congregational Church
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Community Arts Program

2010 Summer Concert Series 25th Anniversary Season!

MARK KOSOWER

Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.
Coral Gables Congregational Church



**"An exceptionally intelligent and sensitive cellist."
- *Chicago Tribune***

MARK KOSOWER is one of the outstanding cellists of his generation. Hailed by musicians and critics alike for his instrumental mastery and deep musical integrity, he is the distinguished recipient of the *Avery Fisher Career Grant* and was recently awarded a *SONY Grant* through the Salon de Virtuosi in New York. Other notable honors include Grand Prize of the *Seventh Irving Klein International String Competition*, first-prize at the *Aspen Music Festival* and the *Juilliard Cello Concerto Competitions*, and top prizes in the *Rostropovich* and *Pablo Casals International Cello Competitions*.

An emerging talent on both the national and the world stage, Mr. Kosower has appeared as a soloist with the Houston Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Hong Kong Philharmonic, National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, China National Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestre de Paris, among others. As a recitalist, Mr. Kosower has performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the Aspen Music Festival; and Ravinia's *Rising Stars* series.

In the summer of 2008, Mark Kosower saw two albums released to widespread critical acclaim: Ginastera's complete works for cello and piano, and an album of Hungarian music with works by Dohnányi, Bartók, Kodály, Popper, Liszt, and Rózsa, both for Naxos.

Professor of Cello and Chamber Music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music from 2005-07, Mr. Kosower has given master classes around the world. In addition to his performing and teaching activities, Mr. Kosower has been Solo Cellist of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra in Germany under Music Director Jonathan Nott. In December 2009, music director Franz Welser-Möst and the Cleveland Orchestra announced Mark's appointment of Principal Cello. Mark joins the Cleveland Orchestra in July 2010 at the beginning of the 2010 Blossom Festival, in the Louis D. Beaumont Endowed Chair.

Pianist Jee-Won Oh joins Mr. Kosower for his 2010 Summer Concert Series recital. Ms. Oh regularly collaborates with Mr. Kosower and has appeared in concert with him across the United States and abroad. Born in Seoul, Korea, Ms. Oh has also performed internationally as soloist and chamber musician. Ms. Oh was the studio pianist and assistant to Janos Starker for five years and was an Associate Instructor of Piano at Indiana University from 1994-98. She received her masters degree in Piano Performance from Indiana University and her Bachelors Degree from Han Yang University in Seoul.

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