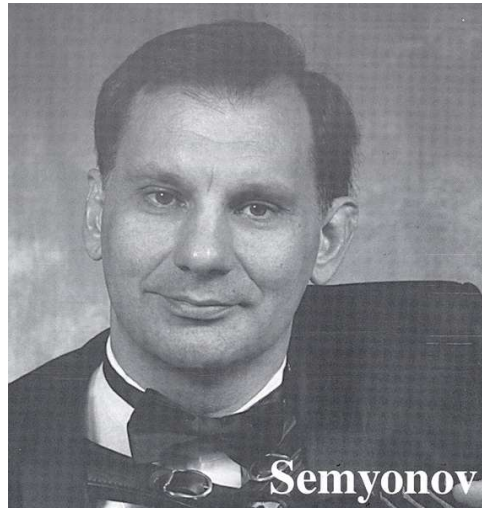


Viatcheslav Semyonov



One of the world's greatest performing musicians, Viacheslav Semyonov, from Moscow, Russia, will appear in concert at **Harrington ARTS Center, March 19, 2005**. Semyonov is renowned for his interpretive artistry on the bayan (accordion), is famed as a great contemporary composer, and has been hailed as World Champion for his technical mastery and interpretive finesse.

Semyonov, awarded the title of "Artist of the Soviet People," heads the Folk Instruments division of the Gnessin Institute, a world center for artist-students. Together with his wife Natalie who plays the domra, the Semyonovs have produced CDs that are best sellers among classical aficionados as well as folk music fans.

Semyonov's compositions for bayan are regularly included in major competitive events, and are favored among aspiring concert performers. In fact, it is because of his new composition "Divertissement," commissioned by the American Accordionists' Association in honor of Faithe Deffner, that he is touring several locales in the USA. "Divertissement," a work in three movements for piano accordion, will be premiered in two concerts in New York followed by concerts in Washington D.C., Boston, Kansas City, Atlanta, and finally in Superior, Wisconsin.

Semyonov will offer a Masterclass (public critiques of individual performers) **at 5:00 PM, for which public admission will be \$10.00. His concert will take place at 7:00 PM**, for which admission will be \$20.00. His concert will be preceded by a brief program of Accordion Concertina Music Ensemble performed by Carolyn Carver (violinist) and Helmi Harrington, Ph.D. (accordionist).

Other upcoming concerts and workshops at Harrington ARTS Center, hosted by A World of Accordions Museum, 1401 Belknap St., Superior, WI, will feature Henry Doktorski (Vaudeville Music and the compositions of Guido and Pietro Deiro) on April 3, Florian Chmielewski and his Fun Time Band (in a splashy fundraiser for the Museum) "Across the Generations" on April 23. Call 715-395-ARTS (2787) for times and ticket information.