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Tomás Cotik and Monica Ohuchi's Latest Album "Paganini: Capriccio"

Released on Centaur Records, Cotik recorded the album with pianist Monica Ohuchi

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Violinist **Tomás Cotik** has released his latest album, *Paganini: Capriccio*, on **Centaur Records**. This album explores Niccolò Paganini's virtuosity and depth, and features the composer's *Cantabile in D Major, Op. 17*, *Moses Fantasy*, and Caprices.

For this album, Tomás Cotik is joined by pianist **Monica Ohuchi**.

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"Paganini's music represents an irresistible challenge," Cotik shares. "It's a way to explore and reconsider the efficiency and intricacies of my own playing, all the while performing in a musical language not unlike the human voice — one that is beautiful, moving, and full of character."

Watch the album trailer below:

This album was recorded in Portland, Oregon, with support from Portland State University and the Oregon Arts Commission. The album reflects Cotik's belief that "true virtuosity lies as much in how the music is played as in what is played."

Violinist Tomás Cotik is a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist, and educator, and has released nineteen albums on Naxos and Centaur Records.

Cotik is a recipient of First Prize in the 2025 American Prize for String Performance, a Fulbright Scholar Award for Spain, and has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has appeared at venues such as New York's Merkin Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall. Dr. Cotik is Professor of Violin at **Portland State University**.

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Pianist Monica Ohuchi has appeared with orchestras including the **Colorado Symphony** and Marin Symphony, and performs regularly with Chamber Music Northwest and on All-Classical Portland radio. She has been a prizewinner in more than twenty national and international competitions, including the Music Teachers National Association Piano Competition and the William Garrison International Piano Competition. She has recorded for the Helicon, Navona, and Pentatone labels.

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