



The Heart is Only Cured by the Heart!

Fundraising event for an international medical mission of doctors who perform surgeries on children with congenital heart defects

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GRAND PRIZE WINNER OF THE 2007 CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION RETURNS TO THE CITY TO SAVE CHILDREN'S HEARTS

The Russian virtuoso and winner of the 2007 Cleveland International Piano Competition, Alexander Ghindin, is returning to Cleveland to perform on **August 16, 2008, at Severance Hall** in order to support an international medical mission of doctors who are giving children with congenital heart defects another chance at life.

The medical mission is developed by the Russian American Medical Association and the International Children's Heart Foundation. Doctors and nurses from both organizations have joined together in order to go to Siberia in July 2008 to start a pediatric heart surgery program. Their goal is to **SAVE AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE**.

More than 200 children are born each year with congenital heart defects in Kemerovo, one of the cities in Siberia. **Without surgical intervention, many of these children will die before their first birthdays.**

Alexander Ghindin's performance in August is his phenomenal contribution to an idea of helping children who need help. He dedicates his concert "The Piano Triumph" to doctors who are going to Siberia.

"I believe that Cleveland is the only place where musical heritage can work together with an advanced medical system in order to bring world-class treatment to every child in need," says Ghindin. **"Music is the universal language that speaks to your heart whether it is healthy or ill, and if music can help to save even one child's heart, its mission is fulfilled."**

On behalf of the Russian American Medical Association, we invite you to the concert. **Your participation and help is most welcomed and most appreciated.**

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