

## Felix Andrievsky - Violino

Violinist **Felix Andrievsky** was born in 1936 in Ukraine. His mother was a musician, his father a surgeon. After only one year of taking violin lessons F. Andrievsky took part in the Republic's Music Competition and won first prize among violinists. Soon after that the State send him to Moscow where he continued serious violin studies at the Moscow Central Music School for gifted children in the class of Professor Abram Yampolsky.

From that time onwards the professional education and musical activity of F. Andrievsky took place under the supervision and in close contact with Russia's best violin professors — Abram Yampolsky, Yuri Yankelevich and others.

F. Andrievsky led an active professional life in what can be described as the most productive period in new musical Russia. He also appeared in concerts and recitals with his wife Irma Zaritskaya, a prizewinner at the International Chopin Competition. At present time musical activity of F. Andrievsky is concentrated entirely on teaching, which stretched out into wide professional field: he worked as Professor in the Jerusalem Music Academy, in the Music Academy of Tel Aviv University. as Professor and Director of Studies in the International Menuhin Music Academy in Gstaad, Switzerland; member of jury in several International Competitions, Director and leading Professor in Summer Courses (England. Switzerland. Spain, Italy, Germany, Korea, Australia, Israel), and as a lecturer in Master Courses in many Music Academies, in ESTA (European String Teacher Association) and others.

During Lord Yehudi Menuhin's visit to Moscow many years ago, he heard F. Andrievsky's pupils in Moscow Central Music School. It was then that F. Andrievsky and Yehudi Menuhin first met, and this meeting was followed by long term contact. F. Andrievsky was invited by Lord Menuhin to his newly opened Music School in England. The realization of this become possible after 1972 when F. Andrievsky and his family were allowed to emigrate to Israel. At present F. Andrievsky, of whom Yehudi Menuhin wrote: "he has brought us invaluable method, what one might call "know how". It is as one of Russian nuclear physicists suddenly defected and brought us a whole load of valuable information"- is holding the post of Professor (Principal Lecturer) at the Royal College of Music in London, UK. Many of his pupils have become winners of International Competitions, many now lead active life as soloists and critically acclaimed musicians worldwide.