**Tomás Cotik**

Hailed by Michael Tilson Thomas as "an excellent violinist," Tomás Cotik was a first-prize winner at the National Broadcast Music Competition in his native Argentina in 1997 and the winner of the Government of Canada Award for 2003-2005. An avid recording artist, Dr. Cotik has recorded fifteen CDs for Naxos and Centaur Records, which have received three million Spotify streams and over two hundred enthusiastic reviews from publications such as Gramophone, American Record Guide, Downbeat, and MusicWeb International. His latest Piazzolla CD on Naxos was nominated for the International Classical Music Awards.

Mr. Cotik was a rotating concertmaster with the New World Symphony and has performed hundreds of recitals and chamber music concerts across the globe as a member of the acclaimed Amernet, Delray, and Harrington string quartets. He has worked closely with artists such as Joseph Kalichstein, Franklin Cohen, and members of the Cleveland, Miami, Pro Arte, Vogler, Vermeer, Tokyo, and Endellion string quartets. Committed to passing on his passion for music, Dr. Tomás Cotik recently received the inaugural Dean's Council Award for Research, Scholarship & Creativity for his significant contributions at the international level and was promoted to Associate Professor of Violin at Portland State University. He previously taught at West Texas A&M University, Florida International University, and the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. [www.tomascotik.com](http://www.tomascotik.com)