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The U.S. Chess Trust is having a Fundraising Event! This 20-Board Simultaneous Exhibition Invitational Event with Grandmaster Alexandra Kosteniuk will exclusively benefit the U.S. Chess Trust.

This event will be held in **NYC** on **March 21, 2009** at the **British International School of New York** located at *20 Waterside Plaza New York, New York 10010*.

GM Alexandra Kosteniuk has been very generous to donate her time to the U.S. Chess Trust by giving a 20-Board Simultaneous Exhibition.

We would like to thank the British International School of New York for allowing us to host the event at their school campus!

The 20-Board Simultaneous Exhibition: How To Participate

Pay-to-Play: \$500 Tax Deductible Donation-Per-Player.

Sponsor a Player: Give a child an opportunity to play! \$500 Donation-Per-Player.

Potential Participants: Please contact Beatriz Marinello at BMarinello@uschesstrust.org.

Media Requests: The Media is welcomed. Please send a request for your invitation to the U.S. Chess Trust's *Managing Director*, Barbara DeMaro at BDeMaro@uschesstrust.org.

Event Coverage: The event will be covered by the ***U.S. Chess Trust***. Be sure to visit the U.S. Chess Trust's website at www.uschesstrust.org for online event coverage, photos, 'Live Games Blog' and updates!

Additional Info: This event is open to Invitees, Participants & Media only. Spectators will be allowed by invitation only. *Invitations will be sent out prior to the event.*

About The U.S. Chess Trust

The U.S. Chess Trust is an independent 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

Created in 1967, the Trust was organized to promote, stimulate and encourage the study and play of the game of chess as a means of intellectual development. The Trust uses its resources for charitable purposes, including social, educational, scientific, historical endeavors. Our Trustees act without compensation, and are dedicated to the U.S. Chess Trust's mission.

The U.S. Chess Trust's focus is an outgrowth of similar activities formerly carried out by the U.S. Chess Federation . We promote and support chess in the community through our programs, and by providing resources that help support our mission.

In addition, we also actively support charities conducted by the USCF and other chess organizations.

To learn more about how we are helping make a difference in the chess community, please visit our website at [**www.USChessTrust.org**](http://www.USChessTrust.org).

About Alexandra Kosteniuk

Alexandra Kosteniuk is a Grandmaster (GM) with a FIDE rating of 2516. Alexandra was crowned the ***12th Women's World Champion*** in chess history in September of 2008.

Alexandra was born in the Russian city of Perm on April 23, 1984. She graduated from the Russian State Academy of Physical Education in July 2003 and is a certified professional chess trainer. Her father , Konstantin Vladimirovich taught her to play chess when she was only 5 years old.

Alexandra's first great achievements came in Junior tournaments. In 1994 she became the European Champion among girls under the age of 10, and a month later shared first and second places at the World Championship under the age of 10.

She became World Champion of girls under 12, in 1996 and in 1997 she became a Woman International Master (WIM) at the age of 13. She officially received the GrandMaster title in November 1998 at the 33rd World Olympiad in Kalmykia.

Her first book, "How I became Grandmaster at Age 14" has been published in three languages (Russian, English and Spanish).

For more about Alexandra Kosteniuk - please visit her website at **www.Kosteniuk.com**

About British International School of New York

The British International School is housed in one of the most impressive school facilities in New York City. Overlooking the East River, the school building has large classrooms, filled with natural light and river views. The School is conveniently located in Waterside Plaza.

The school's distinctive curriculum combines the best of British education with the teaching methodology of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP).

The British (English) National Curriculum is respected worldwide as one that is thorough in all the traditional disciplines including: Reading, with an emphasis on phonics, comprehension and appreciation of literature, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, World Language, Music, Art, Physical Education, Computer and other technology tools.

For more about British International School of New York or to take a virtual tour - Please visit their website at **www.britishinternationalschoolny.org**

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