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Mr. Gil Morgenstern, violinist, will entertain at the State Dinner honoring Their Majesties King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain, tonight in the East Room of the White House.

This will be Morgenstern's first performance at the White House.

Morgenstern has performed at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall and at Town and Cami Halls. He has also performed recitals throughout the United States and has recently made a Canadian debut in Ottawa. He is presently engaged as guest soloist with the National Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, the Santa Barbara Symphony, and the Garden State Philharmonic, among others.

Gil Morgenstern has been the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors. He was the first prize winner for three of the country's most demanding competitions: the Washington International, the National Society of Arts and Letters, and the Music Educators Association.

A 1975 graduate of Juilliard School in New York, Morgenstern first started studying violin at the age of five. He studies under Ivan Galamian.

Morgenstern was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1954. He comes from a musical family. He is also an accomplished pianist with over 12 years experience.

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