Martin Goldsmith is a radio personality and author. He is the daily morning host of Symphony Hall at Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For 10 years, from 1989 to 1999, he served as the host of “Performance Today,” National Public Radio’s daily classical music program. During Goldsmith’s tenure as host, the program won the coveted Peabody Award for broadcasting.

His most recent book, “Alex’s Wake: A Voyage of Betrayal and a Journey of Remembrance,” is the story of his grandfather and uncle, who were two of the more than 900 passengers on the ill-fated Jewish refugee ship St. Louis in 1939, and his own six-week journey in their footsteps in 2011.

His first book, “The Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany,” tells the riveting story of the Jewish Kulturbund, an all-Jewish performing arts ensemble maintained by the Nazis between 1933 and 1941. His parents were musicians in this ensemble. He is also the author of the popular Composer Portrait series for Washington's National Symphony Orchestra.

In September, 1998, Goldsmith was awarded a Cultural Leadership Citation from Yale University “in recognition of service to the cultural life of the nation.”

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