

## **Coach: Mikhail Petin**

**Mikhail Petin** has been a fencing master in the United States for 24 years. During this time, he has developed many notable foil fencers, both male and female. Mikhail's top student Emily Cross had won a Silver Team Medal in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing. It's first Olympic Medal in history for US Women's Foil Team. His top students had won 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals at the Junior and Cadet World Championships, as well as numerous international, national and NCAA titles. Mikhail served as U.S. National Women's Foil Coach in 2001 and was a Coach at 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The United States Olympic Committee awarded Mikhail the 2003 Fencing Developmental Coach of the Year. Mikhail earned his Masters degree in both Physical Education and fencing at the Institute of Physical Education in Lvov, Ukraine. He was awarded a title of "Master of Sport". He was a participant in international competitions as well as the Soviet Union and Ukraine Championships, and won medals there. Later on he coached several competitive foil fencers. In 1991 he immigrated to the United States. His first coaching position was at Metropolis Fencing Club in NYC. Most of his students were new to fencing. His students achieved significant national level results in a short amount of time. His students have gone on to win numerous medals internationally and nationally. Some are now excellent coaches. Mikhail has been coaching at Fencers Club in NYC since the year 2000. Mikhail Petin is widely acknowledged as one of the strongest technical coaches in the U.S. He exhibits a sincere passion for the sport. He combines strong foundational skills and tactical understanding of the sport of fencing. His students have excelled at the highest levels in fencing.

### **Notable Students:**

**Emily Cross** – member of US Fencing Hall of Fame , 2008 Beijing- Olympian Team Silver Medalist, 2006 and 2005 Junior World Champion, 2003 Cadet World Champion, 2003 and 2000 U.S. Junior World Team Bronze Medalist, 2007 Senior World Cup two times Silver Medalist ( Leipzig , Germany and Buenos Aires, Argentina). 2003 Junior World Cup Gold Medalist (Jesi, Italy). 2002 Junior World Cup Silver Medalist (Jesi, Italy). 2005 NCAA Champion, 2003 Pan-American Games Silver Medalist, 2005 US National Champion, Junior National Champion- 2005, 2004, 2003

**Jon Tiomkin** – 2004 US Olympic Team (team placed 4<sup>th</sup>), 1999 and 2003 US National Champion, 2005 Senior World Cup Bronze Medalist (Shanghai, China).

**Nzingha Prescod** – 2008 Cadet World Champion, 2008 Senior World Cup Bronze Medalist (Las Vegas), 2008 Junior National Champion.

**Brendan Meyers** – 2004 Junior World Championships - Bronze Medalist, 2002 Cadet World Championships - Bronze Medalist, 2003 Cadet World Championships- 5<sup>th</sup> place. 2002, 2003, 2004 member Junior World Teams, 2003, 2004 Under-19 National Champion, 2001, 2002 Cadet National Champion.

**Nicole Mae Wong** – 2018 Junior World Championships Silver Medalist (Team Singapore), Top 16 Finisher 2017 Junior World Championships and Asia Zone Championships, 2014 Gold Medal Cadet Kocaeli Satellite.

**Margaret Fagan** - 2017 Veteran World Championship - Gold Medal (Team) and 5<sup>th</sup> place Individual

**Zaddick Longenbach** – three times member U.S. World Championships Team - 1995, 1997, 1998. 1998 Senior World Championship (team placed 5<sup>th</sup>) - (La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland)

**Natalie Yang** – 2013 Gold Medalist Cabries Foil Cadet European Cup, 2015 Cadet Junior Olympic Gold Medalist, 2015 Junior Olympic- Junior Bronze Medalist

**Arielle Pensler** – 2004 Bronze Medalist Coupe de Samaria in Slovakia, 2004 Bronze Medalist National Junior Championship, 2004 Bronze Medalist Cadet National Championship.

**Kaila Budofsky** – 2012 Division One National Championships Bronze Medalist, 2011 Junior Olympic Gold Medalist.

**Alexander Pensler** – 2009 Junior Olympic Gold Medalist.