



NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF ROMANIA

BIOGRAPHY

Acclaimed as one of the world's top youth ensembles, the National Symphony Orchestra of Romania has made a name for itself in recent years as Romania's best and brightest orchestra. Touring regularly at leading venues throughout Europe, it has earned a reputation for delivering performances at the highest level characterized by virtuosity, abandon, joy and drama. The orchestra's concerts at the Romanian Athenaeum and the George Enescu International Festival are regularly sold out and international tours have brought them to the Gustav Mahler International Festival, Ravello International Festival, Vienna Konzerthaus, Berlin Konzerthaus, Grande Theatre de Provence in Aix-en-Provence. Forthcoming tours will see them perform in France including for their debut at the Philharmonie de Paris and to Germany, Spain, Brussels and Austria.

The mission of the National Symphony Orchestra of Romania is to attract the brightest Romanian musicians between the ages of 18-35 to create a unique creative experience in the common pursuit of musical excellence. The orchestra's roots lay in a unique artistic and educational program, which was founded in 2008 following an initiative by cellist Marin Cazacu with the support of the Friends of Music from the Serafim Antropov Foundation. The orchestra's academic program strives to offer young musicians the opportunity to explore demanding repertoire through master classes and concerts, and more importantly, to participate in the joy of music-making under esteemed conductors such as Lawrence Foster, Kristjan Järvi and Cristian Măcelaru and with leading soloists including Pinchas Zukerman, Sarah Chang, David Garrett, Elizabeth Leonskaja and Andrei Ioniță.

In 2019, the National Symphony Orchestra of Romania will honor the 100th anniversary of the unification of Romania and Transylvania in their first-ever tour to the United States, led by renowned conductor Cristian Măcelaru.

Conductor History

Principal Conductor: Cristian Mandeal

Guests: Cristian Măcelaru, Lawrence Foster, Kristjan Järvi, Horia Andreescu, Christian Badea, Vladimir Cosma, Stefan Geiger, Alexandre Myrat, Tiberiu Soare, Gabriel Bebeșelea, Sabin Păuța

Guest Artist History

Violinists: Pinchas Zukerman, Sarah Chang, David Garrett, Aleksey Semenenko, Roman Kim, Liviu Prunaru

Pianists: Elizabeth Leonskaja, Valentin Gheorghiu, Plamena Mangova, Olga Scheps

Cellists: Amanda Forsyth, Andrei Ionita, Marin Cazacu

Percussionists: Emmanuel Sejourne, Peter Sadlo, Bogdan Bacanu

Vocalists: Olga Pasichnyk, Anita Hartig, Nelly Miricioiu, Teodor Ilincai, Valentina Nafornita, Rodica Vica, Ivan Ludlow

International Touring History

2016:

October – Vladimir Cosma Project - Palais de Congres de Paris, France

August – Romania-Moldova Project - Young Euro Classic - Konzerthaus Berlin

July – Festival Internazionale delle Orchestre - Milano, Italy

July – Allegra Festival - Bulgaria

July – Varna Summer Festival - Bulgaria

March – “Serghei Luchievici” National Philharmonic of Moldova

March – March Music Days – International Festival- Ruse, Bulgaria

January – Bozar Concert Hall - Bruxelles, Belgium

2015:

December – Celebration of National Day, Istanbul, Turkey

October – Konzerthaus Wien, Austria

September – Grande Theatre de Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France

August – Konzerthaus Berlin, Germany

July – Gustav Mahler International Festival, Dobbiacco, Italy

July – Expo Milano, Italy

2013:

July – l’Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome, Italy

July – Ravello International Festival, Italy

2012:

January – European musical project, Paris, France

August – Young Euro Classic - Konzerthaus Berlin

Future Tours and Projects

February 2017 – Tour of France (Geneve, Lyon, Rouen and Lille)

March 2017 – Linz (Bruknerhaus) and Salzburg (Residenz Hall)

May 2017 – Koblenz- Mittelrhein Musik Festival

November 2017 – Auditorio di Madrid, Spain

March 2018 – Brussels, Belgium

August 2018 – Berlin, Germany

October 2018 – Vienna, Austria

November 2018 – Philharmonie de Paris, France