

Luminița Virginia Burcă

Biography



The violinist, which made her stage debut at the age of 6, is a passionate professional who combines her concert career with violin teaching at university. She was born on 19th September 1965, in Timișoara, in a family of intellectuals.

Currently, teach violin like an **PhD conf. univ. dr. habil.** (Phd university lecturer) of the **Department – Strings - Faculty of Musical Interpretation** of the **National University of Music of Bucharest** and **PhD professor** (PhD prof. univ. dr. habil.) and doctoral coordinator - **Doctoral School of Music and Theater and Faculty of Music and Theater of the West University of Timișoara**, Luminița Burcă began to study the violin in Timișoara, *Ion Vidu Music High School* with professor Ștefan Hatvani (Ulm - Germany).

She has continued her studies with professor Valeriu Rogacev at the *G. Enescu Music High School* (College), Bucharest, and in 1988 she graduated the *C. Porumbescu Conservatory of Music* (current *National University of Music*, Bucharest), with professors: Octavian Rațiu and Modest Iftinchi. She masters the violin performing with maestro **Ștefan Gheorghiu- the most important violin teacher** of Romania from all times, for a period of over 20 years (1979-2005). She participated in the masterclasses of the famous violinists: **Ruggiero Ricci (1990, Berlin)** and **Sir Yehudi Menuhin (1990, Paris)**.

Concert soloist (State soloist) of the *Oradea State Philharmonic Orchestra* (1991-1993), concert soloist and concertmaster (principal) of *Banatul Philharmonic Orchestra* of Timișoara (1988-1991; 1994-1997), Luminița Burcă undertakes numerous concerts, recitals and tours as a soloist in various national and international festivals (International New Music Week- Bucarest, Music International of Music- *Spring Music of Timisoara*, Romania, International Festival of Music in Alfas del Pi, Spain, International Festival from Ayamonte, Spain, Music International Festival from Santander, Spain, International Festival of Music in Ascoli Piceno, Italy, International Festival of Music in Firenze, Italy and many more..), for more than 30 years.

She performs on stages from: Romania (*Radio Orchestras from Bucarest, George Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra- Bucarest* and with all the philharmonic orchestras in the country), Italy, Spain,

Gibraltar, France, Germany, Holland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, USA, Canada, China, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Latin America and others.

She was and is invited to various radio shows (various interviews) for *Radio România - Cultural* and *Radio România - Music*, *Tvr Timișoara*, *TVE-Spain*, *T5 Italy* and others.

She is the winner of several **national competitions**, including *National Olympics*, *Dinu Lipatti violin competition* (Craiova) and **international competitions**: *Jeunesse Musical Chamber Orchestras International Competition of Belgrade* (1986), *Tibor Varga* (1987, Sion- Switzerland), *Romano Romanini* (1988, Brescia), *Michelangelo Abbado* (1990, Sondrio), *Rodolfo Lipizer* (1991-1992, Gorizia) from Italy and *Pancho Vladigerov* (Sumen).

She sustains several master classes (master classes) at: *Accademia Musicale Tartini* (2000 and 2006 in Latina, Italy), *Conservatorio Profesional de Musica de La Coruña* (2011, Spain) and *Conservatorio di Musica* (2012 and 2019 in Como, Italy). Was a member of the various international and national violin competitions jury: *Remember Enescu International Violin Competititon-Romania*, *Modest Iftinich International Violin Competititon- Bucarest*, *Dinu Lipatti National Violin Competititon- Romania*, *National Olympics-Romania*.

She recorded dozens of works for violin and piano-Sonatas by Grieg, Sonatas by Schumann, Debussy, Faure, Ravel (solo works-Bach, Hindemith etc) and concert works for violin- Rondo brillante by Schubert, Violin Concerto-Beethoven etc. (accompanied by *Bucharest Radio Chamber Orchestra*, *Oradea State Philharmonic Orchestra* and others) for: Radio (cardex) and TV and Record Labels, in the country and abroad: *Concerto Company* – Integral Sonatas by Ed. Grieg (1992, Milan), *Olympia & Electrecord*- Concerto of W. Pichl-violin, oboe and cello- Vivaldi- *L' Estro Armonico* (1992) and *Open Reel Records* - Violin Sonatas by Debussy, Faure, Ravel (2014, Milan).

She was concertmaster and principal of the orchestras: *I Pomeriggi Musicali di Milano* (1990-1995), *Teatro alla Scala* (1995, Milan), *Orchestra Internazionale d'Italia* (since 1995 and now; Fermo), *Orchestra Teatro Reggion* (since 2003 and now; Parma), *Orquesta Sinfonica de La Coruña* (2000-2002) and *Orquesta Sinfonica de Santa Cruz de Tenerife* (2000-2001, Spain). She was also the member of the chamber group, *Gams Anseble* (Quartet) from Firenze-Italy.

In 2006 she defended her doctoral thesis entitled *Mozartian Violonistic* at the **National University of Music - Bucharest** (published by *Marineasa Publishing House*, 2007) and obtained PhD in MUSIC (the doctorate in music) with *Magna cum laude*.

Luminița Burcă was a POSDRU scholarship holder (2012-2013) of the **Post-Doctoral School of National University of Music in Bucharest** and graduated with a synthesis study entitled: *"Master Ștefan Gheorghiu, a landmark existence transmitted unaltered and multiplied by generations of disciples"* (published by *Glissando Publishing House*, National University of Music-Bucarest).

In 2015 she became doctoral (PHD) coordinator of the *Doctoral School of Music and Theater* of the *West University of Timișoara*, after receiving the *Certificate of Attestation* by Ministerial Order.

Since 1997 she teaches and has an intense activity with students, materialized in dozens of concerts, recitals in the country and abroad and national and international competitions awards, first places, big trophies. She published at major publishing houses (*Music Publishing House Bucarest, Marineasa Publishing House*): **13 single author books** (one book in Italian), **10 collaborator books** and **hundreds** of articles in various cultural and specialized magazines in the country and abroad: Spain, Albania and Italy. She has all over the world ex-students like soloists, members of a great orchestras and concertmasters.

The violinist's name appears in various books and specialized dictionaries, including: *Lexicon of Romanian Performers* (1997), *Small musical encyclopedia* (1997), *Who is Who-Dictionary of Personalities* (2007) and *Banat Musicians Lexicon* (2014). The violinist's website is: www.luminitaburca.wordpress.com

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