

Florin CROITORU, *Violinist & Professor*

After his solo debut concerts with the **Vienna Philharmonic** under the baton of **Christoph von Dohnanyi**, Florin Croitoru was acclaimed by the Austrian press as a “Phenomenal soloist” (*O.O.Nachrichten* - Linz) mastering a “perfect technique” (*Neue Kronen Zeitung* - Vienna). He has performed in countless recitals and concerts, in numerous countries from Europe, Asia, Africa and the United States. He has also won 11 prizes in different international music competitions, including, in 1992, the **first prize at the “Fritz Kreisler” International Violin Competition in Vienna, Austria.**

To his credit are also many CD recordings, as well as live or recorded broadcasts on various American, Hungarian, Italian, French, Austrian, Japanese, Irish, Icelandic, Swedish, Polish, Norwegian, British and Romanian Radio and TV stations.

Florin received his degree from the Music Academy of Bucharest. His violin professors were (in chronological order): **Ionel Nistor, Cristina Ardelean, Mihai Constantinescu, Valeriu Rogacev, Modest Iftinchi, Stefan Gheorghiu, Eduard Schmieder and Victor Danchenko.**

His repertoire and recordings include most of the Violin Concertos ranging from baroque to contemporary, as well as a few Rare Recital Programs, such as "**Paganini's 24 Caprices for solo violin**", "**Fritz Kreisler - The Complete Works**", "**The Virtuoso Violin**", "**Florin Croitoru plays own transcriptions and original compositions**"...

In 2013, Florin published two **World Premiere Albums** of transcriptions for solo violin, made after some of the most beautiful and difficult virtuoso pieces ever written for piano (www.maximpublishinghouse.webs.com), followed by other world premiere albums in the years to come...

When not touring internationally, Prof. Croitoru spends time in his native country, due to implementing his Ph.D. research, (concluded in 2003) on a new method of violin teaching. Today, many of his students are laureates of various national and international violin competitions.

Aside from soloing and teaching violin master courses, Dr. Croitoru is regularly invited around the world as a jury member of International Music Competitions. Since 1999, he has been teaching at the **National Music University in Bucharest.**

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