

10<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, Bucharest

### The Launch of the Sergiu Celibidache Anniversary Coin!

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, at 5.00 pm, in the enclosure of the Romanian National Bank, in the Mitita Constantinescu room, the event of launching a commemorative numismatic coin took place, marking the Sergiu Celibidache Centenary.

The Governor of the Romanian National Bank, Mugur Isarescu opened the event with a speech, Serge Ioan Celibidache. In his turn, he gave to the famous violinist Ida Haendel, a coin with the face of his father.

The recital held by the Grand Dame of the Violin followed, who interpreted “Ciaccona” in Re minor BWV 1004 by Johann Sebastian Bach, moving the select audience to tears not only with her artistic performance, but also through her speech. Ida Haendel proved that talent and humor are ageless, her speech being full of anecdotes, and finally attracting applause that lasted minutes. One of the most tender-hearted moments happened when Serge Ioan Celibidache gave Ida Haendel a big flower bouquet, and the artist took a rose and gave it, in return, to the son of the famous conductor.

At the end of the recital, Ida Haendel together with Serge Ioan Celibidache and the team of Fundatia Sergiu Celibidache were guests of honor at the visiting tour of the Romanian National Bank building.

“With this souvenir belonging to my father I wish to salute this day, when Romania receives him back, with honor and pride. There is no other ambassador of Romania more proud than my father! Starting today, my humble desire is to honor his memory and country, showing the whole world that we have Romanian born geniuses, that have subdued the world with their heart and of which we need, more than ever, to set an example for our nation”, stated Serge Ioan Celibidache.

**ABOUT THE COIN:** The reverse of the Sergiu Celibidache anniversary coin has a composition suggesting the conducting art: the Romanian coat of arms, the nominal value of “10 LEI”, the year of emission “2012” and the inscription “Romania” in the cercal arch. The reverse presents the portrait of conductor Sergiu Celibidache, the years between which he lived “1912-1996” and the inscription “SERGIU CELIBIDACHE” in cercal arch. The silver coins, wrapped in transparent metacrilic capsules, will be accompanied by presentation booklets of the numismatic emission drafted in Romanian, English and French.

The booklets include the authenticity certificate, on which you can find the signatures of the governor of the Romanian National Bank and of the central treasurer. The circulation

of this numismatic edition is of 500 pieces. The selling price, including TVA, for the silver coin, including the presentation booklet, is 345.00 RON a piece. The silver coins dedicated to the centenary from the birth of Sergiu Celibidache will circulate on Romanian territory. The emission, for numismatic purposes, of this silver coins is made through the regional branches of the Romanian National Bank: Bucharest, Cluj, Iași and Timiș.

The “Sergiu Celibidache 100” Festival, a biannual event, is organized with the occasion of celebrating 100 years from the birth of the great Romanian conductor, 2012 being declared **Sergiu Celibidache UNESCO Anniversary**. From the main manifestations of the Festival we mention:

Masterclasses in the month of May: Ida Haendel – Violin Masterclass, Helmut Nicolai – Chamber Music Masterclass, Dorin Marc – Contrabass Masterclass, Michael Martin Kofler – Flut Masterclass, Wolfgang Gaag – Brass Masterclass, Rony Rogoff – Violin Masterclass and Enrique Garcia Asensio – Conducting Masterclass.

Photographic exhibition, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, at 7.00 pm, ARTMARK: “Fragments from the Life of the Maestro Sergiu Celibidache”

Movie Projection, Grand Cinema Digiplex at Baneasa Shopping Centre..  
“ROMANIAN BORN TO CONDUCT A WORLD”, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, at 6.30 pm:  
Documentary produced by Fundatia Sergiu Celibidache in coproduction with TVR.

Concerts, 30<sup>th</sup> of June – 7<sup>th</sup> of July, at the Romanian Athenaeum: held with internationally renowned artists, former students of Sergiu Celibidache and Romanian first-class orchestras: : **Enrique Garcia Asensio, Mark Mast, Markus Theinert, Rony Rogoff, Cristian Mandeal, Ida Haendel, Misha Dacic, Peter Sadlo, Wolfgang Gaag, Helmut Nicolai, Michael Martin Kofler, Dan Grigore, Dorin Marc, German Brass, Henschel Quartett, Romanian Youth Orchestra, George Enescu Philharmonica, „Moldova” Iași State Philharmonica.**

World Premiere of the “Haz de necaz” composition by Sergiu Celibidache.  
The tickets can be purchased through the Eventim network across the country: Germanos, Orange, Vodafone, Domo, Humanitas Bookstores, Cărturești and online on [www.eventim.ro](http://www.eventim.ro).

The “Sergiu Celibidache 100” Festival is an event organized under the High Patronage of the President of Romania in partnership with Bucharest City Hall.

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