

15th of May 2012, Bucharest – FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

THE CHAMBER MUSIC MASTERCLASS WITH HELMUTH NICOLAI BEGINS!

Maestro Helmuth Nicolai arrived last night in Bucharest, being the second international artist who arrives in Bucharest (after Ida Haendel) for the First Edition of the Sergiu Celibidache Festival. The artist returns to Romania after his last visit in the country was alongside Maestro Sergiu Celibidache and the Munich Philharmonica. He will be staying between 15th and 19th of May, period during which he will hold a Chamber Music Masterclass which will end with a recital held by the Masterclass graduates, at the French Institute in Bucharest.

A German native, Helmuth Nicolai is founder of the Rosamunde Quartet from Munich, where he invested all of his energy, winning numerous awards and a Grammy nomination. The artist comes for the first time in our country and will stay in Bucharest until the 20th of May, returning to Bucharest on the 2nd of July, for the recital held on the 3rd of July, at 8.00 pm, at the Romanian Athenaeum, during the night dedicated to the close friends of Sergiu Celibidache.

The schedule of the Masterclass held by the great artist, between 15th and 19th of May, at the Romano-Catholic Theological Institute Saint Anton, General Berthelot Street, no. 19, 4th Floor (next to the Romano-Catholic Cathedral Saint Joseph), is the following:

Tuesday, 15th of May

13:30: Reception of Maestro Helmut Nicolai

14:00 - 17:00 Masterclass

17:00 - 17:30 Break

17:30 - 20:30 Masterclass

Wednesday, 16th of May

10:00 - 13:00 Masterclass

13:00 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 19:00 Masterclass







Thursday, 17th of May

10:00 – 13:00 Masterclass 13:00 – 16:00 Break

16:00 - 19:00 Masterclass

Friday, 18th of May

10:00 - 13:00 Masterclass

13:00 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 19:00 Masterclass

Saturday, 19th of May

10:00 - 14:30 Masterclass

19:00 Recital held by the Masterclass graduates. Location: Romanian French Institute, Elvira Popescu Room.

The access to the Masterclass is free of charge for those who want to watch.

Short biography

Helmuth Nicolai was born in Kongsberg, Germany. During his studies at the University of Music in Hamburg, he won the Chamber Music Award offered by the Chamber Music Schools from Germany and Bordeaux Bienalle. In 1967, he joined the Hamburg Symphonic Orchestra, being a member of the Berlin Philharmonica between 1968 and 1990, and in 1981, he becomes first violinist of the Munich Philharmonica. Besides appearances, as a soloist alongside Sergiu Celibidache and the Munich Philharmonica, Helmuth Nicolai undertook concerts on all continents as a member of the Classicum Consortium. Among his chamber music partners we find: Christoph Eschenbach, Thomas Brandis, James Galway si Christian Gerhaher. Helmuth Nicolai recorded for EMI, Decca Philips and Orfeo. In 1992, he became founder of the Rosamunde Quartet of Munich where he invested all of his energy, winning numerous awards and a Grammy nomination.







The "Sergiu Celibidache 100" Festival is an event organized under the High Patronage of the President of Romania in partnership with Bucharest City Hall Schedule:

- Masterclasses in the month of May: 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 22nd 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 24th of May, at 6.30 pm:
 Documentary produced by Fundatia Sergiu Celibidache in coproduction with TVR.
 - Concerts, 30th of June 7th 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 Dacić, Peter Sadlo, Wolfgang Gaag, Helmut Nicolai, Michael Martin Kofler, Dan Grigore, Dorin Marc, German Brass, Henschel Quartett, Romanian Youth Orchestra, George Enescu Philharmonica, "Moldova" Iaşi State Philharmonica.
- World Premiere of the "Haz de necaz" composition by Sergiu Celibidache.

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