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THE FLUTE MASTERCLASS HELD BY MAESTRO MICHAEL MARTIN KOFLER HAS BEGUN

Martin Kofler has arrived today in Bucharest, the Maestro that holds the Flute Masterclass at the Bucharest University of Music, part of the Sergiu Celibidache 100 Festival, until the 20th of May. Martin Kofler (who played under the baton of Sergiu Celibidache) is not at his first visit to Romania, the artist having visited our country in 2008, but also in 1999 alongside Sergiu Celibidache and the Munich Philharmonic, when he held two concerts at the Romanian Athenaeum. About that visit, Maestro Kofler nostalgically remembers that „it was an extremely beautiful week; it was like a holiday for me”.

Michael Martin Kofler arrived this afternoon in Bucharest from Munich (Germany), and starting with 3.00 pm he presented himself in front of young instrumentalists. They were enrolled in high number for his masterclass, which made the artist very happy.

The schedule of the Flute Masterclass held by MICHAEL MARTIN KOFLER, at the 46C room of the Bucharest National University of Music, will be the following:

Friday, the 18th of May: 09:30 – 12:30: Masterclass / 12:30 – 16:00: Break / 16:00 – 19:00: Masterclass

Saturday, the 19th of May: 09:30 – 12:30: Masterclass / 12:30 – 14:30: Break / 14:30 – 16:30: Masterclass

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

Sunday, the 20th of May: 09:00 – 13:00: Masterclass.

The access to the Masterclass is free of charge for those who wish to attend.

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Short Biography

Michael Martin Kofler was born in 1966 in Villach, Austria, and studied at the University of Music from Vienna with Werner Tripp and Wolfgang Schultz. Later on he studies with Peter-Lukas Graf, at the University of Music from Basel, Switzerland. In 1987, Sergiu Celibidache invited him to join the Munich Philharmonica as First Flutist. Martin Kofler is the winner of numerous awards at prestigious competitions (ARD, Bruxelles, Prague) and he is also the beneficiary of the „Cultural Endowment Prizes” award given by Munich Concert Society and by the Austrian State Carinthia. He was also given the Honorary Award by the Austrian Science Ministry, as well as the Cultural Award of his hometown, Villach.

From 1983, Michael Martin Kofler has held concerts and recitals all over the world as a soloist and as a member of famous chamber music ensemble. Thus he recorded Radio and TV, as well as a series of CDs and DVDs. Martin Kofler regularly held concerts as a soloist with renowned orchestras such as the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, the Budapest Strings, the Chamber Orchestras in Vienna and Munich, as well as the Symphonic Orchestras of the Munich, Prague, Moscow, Tokyo, Tel Aviv and Warsaw Philharmonics. He played alongside great conductors such as: James Levine, Sir Neville Marriner, Fabio Luisi, Blomstedt Herbert, Brügggen Frans, Koopmann Ton and Jonathan Nott. Among his chamber music partners there are Paul Badura-Skoda, Gage Irwin, Stefan Vladar, Stephan Kiefer, Konrad Ragossnig, Xavier de Maistre, Regine Kofler, Martin Spangenberg, Benjamin Schmid, Clemens and Veronika Hagen, as well as the Cvartetele Mandelring and Mozart Salzburg Quartets. From 1989, he is a professor at the Salzburg Mozarteum and he is invited in the jury of important international competitions, as well as holding masterclasses in Europe, Asia and America.

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

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