

Maria Ramalchanova Ivanov

was born in 1987 in Ruse, Bulgaria. At the age of three she started playing the piano and one year later she found her passion for the violin for the first time. Maria studied music in the Violin class of Darina Dankova at the National School for Music and fine Arts "Dobrin Petkov" in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Her debut in front of an orchestra was the age of nine. Between 2005 and 2011 she played every year as a soloist of different orchestras in Bulgaria.

Since 2007 she has been in the violin class of Prof. Mario Hossen in New Bulgarian University-Sofia, Bulgaria. During her education she was nominated for "Student of the Year" 2010, due to her concerts activities and took full scholarship for a Minor in "Economics". The same year she also won a full scholarship for an "Erasmus" program in Vienna, Austria and a year later she worked with Prof. M. Frischenschlager at the University of Music and performing Art in Vienna, Austria.

In 2012 she graduated in Performing Arts Violin and Minor Economics.

Since 2008 she is an active player in "Les Orpheistes" Chamber Orchestra and in "Orpheus Academy Orchestra". Nevertheless, she performs with the orchestra while she is fully engaged in the management teams of the International Summer Academy "Orpheus" in Vienna, "Les Orpheistes" and "Orpheus Academy Orchestra".

In 2011, during her education in Vienna, she was introduced to the Bulgarian pianist Martin Ivanov. From that moment on they play chamber music together and perform on recitals in Austria, Bulgaria, USA, Hungary, Deutschland and Slovakia. Since 2015 the both musicians are not also on the stage together, but also in their life.

She participated in the master classes of world-famous Professors: Jerard Poulet- France, Sandor Javorkai- Hungary, DonkSuk Kang- Korea, Erich Hoebert- Austria, Kevork Mardirossian –USA; Oleg Kraisa- Russia, Micho Dimitrov- Switzerland etc.

Because of concert tours, participating in competitions and summer academies, Maria had the opportunity to play in: Spain (2006), Italy (2007), Poland (2007), Turkey (2010), Greece (2010), Cyprus (2011), Switzerland (2012), Japan and USA (2013), Dubai (2014), Germany, Slovakia and Hungary (2015 and 2017), Japan, South Korea, China (2015-2016), France, Germany (2017).

During 2014 and 2015, Maria had the opportunity to perform as a leader of second violin section in different orchestras in the great halls of "Wiener Konzerthaus" (Mozart Saal) and "Musikverein" (Goldener Saal and Gläserner Saal) in Vienna, Austria.

During her early university education in Bulgaria, Maria started to work as a violin teacher in a Private school of music and languages "Spectrum" in Sofia. After she moved to Vienna in 2012, she created her own private violin class and now her students are more than 15. Her student job became a hobby and now the passion of teaching brings her different experiences. Inspired of working with young violinists, Maria and her husband Martin create the project 'Workshop Vienna' and since 2014 are organizing it every year.

Maria combines both teaching and playing engagements in Vienna.

Since 2013 she has been playing frequently in the different productions of the National Music Theater in Baden near Vienna (Baden bei Wien).

From July 2013 Maria plays with an Italian violin from 1725, sponsored by Klaus Furchner and Antonia Neumann.