

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Basic Information:

Date of birth 27 October 1991

Work History:

- **Winner of 137 prizes in 8 different branches of activity** (*Classic Guitar, Mathematics, Informatics, Literary creation, Fine Arts, Theatre, Photo, School Subjects*)
- the above number does not include any Participation Diplomas that might have come together with the prizes won
- they include: *5 Prizes of excellence, 3 Great Prizes, and 59 First Prizes*
- being *the Romanian student with the greatest number of prizes obtained through contests and competitions.*

Classical guitar achievements: (for a detailed list see the **Annex**)

- **84 prizes at 79 national and international contests such as:**
 - **Audience Prize and 3rd Prize** at the **2010 Certmen Internacional de Guitarra Francisco Tarrega, Benicassim**
 - **First Prize** at the December **2010 Norba Caesarina Guitar Festival, Caceres, Spain**
 - **First Prize** at the **2007 GFA Youth Guitarist Solo Competition, Los Angeles**, as well as in Sinaia (Romania) and Velbert (Germany)
 - The **Great Prize** at the “George Georgescu” contest 2003
 - The **Great Prize** at the “Marele Premiu Palatului al Copiilor” contest
 - **Second Prize**, University of **Texas at Dallas** competition, 2007, as well as **Belgrade Guitar Competition** (Serbia), **Düsseldorfer Gitarrenwettbewerb** (Germany) and **Cordoba Guitar Festival** (Spain)
 - **47 first prizes**
 - The **Prize of the Romanian Musical Criticism**

in **Benicassim, Caceres, Cordoba** (Spain), **Los Angeles, Dallas** (USA), **Velbert, Weimar, Düsseldorf** (Germany), **Belgrade** (Serbia), **Alessandria** (Italy), Bucharest, Cluj, Târgoviște, Alba Iulia, Ploiești, Tulcea, Brașov, Bacau (Romania).

Education:

- Currently a student of Joaquin Clerch at the Robert Schumann Hochschule für Musik Düsseldorf
- Graduated from the “**George Enescu music highschool**” in Bucharest, Romania, and the “*Cuibul cu barză*” Music and Fine Arts School No.3;
- he is the first Romanian student ever to complete **two** school years in the time of **one**
- he has won during his 11 school years 14 school diplomas and 3 prizes of excellence (1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002);
- he has been studying guitar since 4 years of age (his first participations and at the same time his first prizes in contests at the age of 5);
- member, since 30.10.2000, of the “**Henry Coandă Foundation for the support of the super intelligent young people**”;
- he was admitted as a student of the *College “Pro”* winning the “**Great Prize**” of the *College “Pro”* (November 2000);
- member of the **IRSCA Gifted Education Group**
- he attended the masterclasses of: Odair Assad (Brazil), Pavel Steidl (Czech Republic – Holland), Joaquin Clerch (Cuba – Germany), Carlo Marchione (Italy – Germany), John Dearman (USA), Marcin Dylla (Poland), Leo Brouwer (Cuba), Nikita Koshkin (Russia), Alexis Muzurakis (Greece), Susana Prieto (Spain), Costas Cotsiolis (Greece), Gianpaolo Bandini (Italy), Alexander Ramirez (Peru – Germany), Bosko Radojkovic (Serbia), Ioana Gandrabur (Romania – Canada), Joseph Urshalmi (Israel), Silfredo Perez (Venezuela–Spain), Alfred Eickholt (Germany), Gerhard Reichembach (Germany), Stephen Goss (United Kingdom), Hubert Kappel (Germany), Thomas Kirchhoff (Germany), Dale Kavanagh (Canada), Ximo Tebar (Spain), among others;

Small selection of public appearances:

- in total, he has had over 150 public appearances, in concerts, radio and TV
- he was part of the “**Klassik im Sommer**” tour of 10 concerts in Hamburg, Germany, in 1999
- he played in the opening of the “Golden Lion” film festival (Venice, 07 September 2003 at “Gran Gala UNESCO”);
- he performed in the **Season of Hope** event at the Romanian Parliament, 2001
- he performed the **1st Concert in A Major** by **Mauro Giuliani** at the opening concert of the International Guitar Festival in Bucharest, with the **National Radio Orchestra** conducted by **Ilarion Ionescu-Galati**; “Mihail Jora” National Radio Hall, Bucharest, Romania, 09.03.2005
- he played in the **4th ASEG** (Association of Southeastern European Guitarists) Conference in **Kastoria, Greece**, September 2005, and in the **5th** edition in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**, in September 2006.

- he performed in the “Türkiye Gitar Buluşması” guitar festival in **Ankara, Turkey**, 20-22 February 2006
- he performed in concerts in **Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Slovenia, Greece, Morocco, the USA, Romania**.

Fine Arts Achievements :

- First Prize

Drawing Contest of the “*Grigore Antipa*” National History Museum
Bucharest, June 2000

- Praiseworthy Diploma

“*Cuibul cu barză*” Music and Fine Arts School
Bucharest, 2001

- First Prize for painting on glass

“*Cuibul cu barză*” Music and Fine Arts School
Bucharest, 2001

- Third Prize

National Contest for painting on glass “*Icoana din sufletul copilului*”, 9th edition
Bucharest, 2001

- Third Prize

National Contest for painting on glass “*Icoana din sufletul copilului*”, 9th edition
Bucharest, 2006

**A selection of
ACHIEVEMENTS IN OTHER FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:**

- **First Prize**
”*Info Kids*” Informatics National Contest
“Pascal Programming” Section
Bucharest, 20 March 2002
- **First Prize**
”*Info Kids*” Informatics National Contest
“Story Making” Section
Bucharest, 21 March 2002
- **First Prize** (obtaining 100 points from a total of 100 possible)
”*Dan Barbilian*” Informatics Contest
Constanta, March 2003
- **First Prize** (obtaining 100 points from a total of 100 possible)
Informatics National Contest
“Pascal Programming” Section
Bucharest, March 2003

- **First Prize** in Bucharest
“Kangourou” International Mathematics Contest (obtaining 119.3 points from a total of 126 possible)
 Bucharest, May 2001
- **First Prize**
“Kangourou” International Mathematics Contest (obtaining 126 points from a total of 126 possible)
 Bucharest, May 2002
- **Third Prize**
“Miron Niculescu” National Mathematics Contest
 Bucharest, May 2002
- **Second Prize**
“Tinere Condeie ”, literary creation contest, the 33rd edition (prose)
 Bucharest, June 2000
- **Second Prize**
“Tinere Condeie ”, literary creation contest, the 34th edition (prose)
 Bucharest, June 2001
- **First Prize**
“Tinere Condeie ”, literary creation contest, the 35th edition (prose)
 Bucharest, June 2002
- **“Junior Magazin ” Diploma** for his 9th anniversary (his birthday was celebrated live on Radio-Tineret)
- **First Prize**
Eminescu - vers și cant ” National Poetry Contest
 Bucharest, January 2001
- **Mention**
“Photographic and Cinematographic Art” (Portrait) the 31st Edition
 Târgu Mureș, August 2001
- **Fidelity Diploma** “for promoting Romania’s image throughout the world and for the enrichment of the Romanian prestige through young people”
“Hope for Romania ” Foundation
 Bucharest, December 2001

Some of the CONCERT PERFORMANCES

- **“Klassik im Sommer” Tour**
Hamburg, Barlt, Celle, Wedel, Ottersberg, Fehmarn
6 – 18 July 2000
- **“Classic Guitar Evenings”** series of concerts.
“Romanian Literature Museum”
on Tuesdays during July/August 2000.
- **Concerts at the American Ambassador’s Residence, at the Italy’s Embassy, Mariott Hotel, etc.**
celebrating winter holidays 2000.
- **Classic Guitar Recital at Cotroceni Palace (08.12.2000)**, as a part of Mrs. *Mariana Nicolesco’s concert.*
- **“Hopes Season”**– Romanian Parliament, (12.04.2001).
- **“Performers’ Group Concert ”**– Hotel Hilton, Bucharest (19.11.2001).
- **“Spring song”** together with the *„Symbol” group of the Romanian Church.*
Conductor: Jean Lupu
Bucharest, Şuţu Palace (02.03.2002)
- **The International Day of Poetry** UNESCO Center, Bucharest, (15.03.2002).
- **Book’s International Day** – Cervantes Institute, Bucharest, (23.04.2002).
- **Gran Gala Unesco** – Venice (07.09.2003)
- **Opening Concert of The International Guitar Festival (Mauro Giuliani – 1st Concert in A Major), conductor I. Ionescu-Galati** – Bucharest, Great Radio Hall Mihail Jora (09.03.2005)
- **4th ASEG Conference**, Kastoria, Greece, September 2005
- **Türkiye Gitar Buluşması** - Ankara, 20-22 February 2006
- Numerous appearances on various important stages and well-known landmarks of Romania, such as the **Romanian Athaeneum, the Palace Hall, the Palace of the Parliament, the Cotroceni Palace, the Casino of Sinaia, etc**

ANNEX :

CLASSIC GUITAR ACHIEVEMENTS

5 – 6 years of age

- **Special Prize** category 7–10
National Classical Guitar Contest for young Guitarists
București, 1997
- **Special Prize** category 7–10
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists' Contest
Sinaia, 1997

6 - 7 years of age

- **The “Tinere Speranțe ale Chitarei Românești ” Prize** (Young Hopes of the Romanian Guitar)
Of the Composers' Union
« Maestrii Chitarei » Classical Guitar Contest
București, 1997
- **Special Prize** of the Romanian Guitar Foundation
category 7 – 14 years
« Maestrii Chitarei » Classical Guitar Contest
București, 1997
- **III-rd Prize** category 7 – 10 years
National Classical Guitar Contest for Young Guitarists
București, 1998
- **II-nd Prize** category 7 – 10 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists' Contest
Sinaia, 1998

7 - 8 years of age

- **II-nd Prize** category 10 – 13 years
Classical Guitar Contest
Alba Iulia, 1998
- **II-nd Prize** category 7 - 14 years
« Maestrii Chitarei » Classical Guitar Contest
București, 1998
- **II-nd Prize** category 7 – 10 years

National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 1999

- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 10 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists’ Contest
Sinaia, 1999

8 – 9 years of age

- **The “Criticii Muzicale ” Prize**
of the “Uniunii Criticilor, Redactorilor și Realizatorilor Muzicali” from Romania
“Colegiul Criticilor Muzicali Mihail Jora”
Maeștrii Chitarei Contest,
București, 1999
- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 10 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 2000 (International Edition)
- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 10 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists’ Contest
Sinaia
Sinaia, 2000

9 – 10 years of age

- **Ist Prize** category 7 – 10 years
«ARPEGII» Guitar Contest
Ploiești, 2000
- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 10 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 2000
- **I-st Prize** IIIrd grade
Musics Olympiad – Zonal Contest
București, 2001
- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 10 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists’ Contest
Sinaia
Sinaia, 2001
- **I-st Prize** IIIrd grade
The “George Georgescu” Music Contest
IXth Edition
Tulcea, 2001

- **I-st Prize** IIIrd grade
«W.A.Mozart» Music Contest, V-th Edition
Târgoviște, 2001
- **I –st Prize**
«Marele Premiu» of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor» contest
București, 2001
- **The Musical Prize „ Eugen Barbu ”**
Of the year 2001
București

10 – 11 years of age

- **I-st Prize** category 7 – 11 years
«ARPEGII» Guitar Contest
Ploiești, 2001
- **« Special Prize of the Ploiesti city for the outstanding quality of interpretation »**
«ARPEGII» Guitar Contest
Ploiești, 2001
- **I-st Prize** category 10 – 13 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 2001
- **I-st Prize** IV-th grade
Musics Olympiad – Zonal Contest
București, 27-29 march 2002
- **I-st Prize** IV-th grade
Musics Olympiad – National Contest
București, 27-29 march 2002
- **II-nd Prize**
“Garabet Avachian” Contest
București, 2002
- **II-nd Prize** category 10 – 13 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists’ Contest
Sinaia
Sinaia, 3 may 2002
- **I-st Prize** category 10-13 years
The “George Georgescu” Music Contest
Tulcea, 23 – 26 may 2002
- **I-st Prize “with outstanding success”** category 10 – 13 years
International Classical Guitar Contest «Andres Segovia»
Velbert (Germania), 29 may – 2 June 2002

- **“Excellency” Diploma**
The PRO College,
Bucharest, 2002
- **I-st Prize**
«Marele Premiu» of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor» contest
of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor»
București, 14 June 2002

11 – 12 years of age

- **II-nd Prize** category 10 – 13 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 20 – 22 December 2002
- **II-nd Prize** category 13 – 17 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 20 – 22 December 2002
- **III-rd Prize**
“Muzică Preclasică” Contest
București, 10 January 2003
- **I-st Prize**
Musics Olympiad – School Contest
București, March 2003
- **I-st Prize**
Musics Olympiad – Zonal Contest
București, April 2003
- **I-st Prize**
“Garabet Avachian” Contest
București, 19 April 2003
- **II-nd Prize** category 10 – 13 years
Internațional Guitar Festival « Ana Amalia »
Weimar, Germany, 20 – 27 April 2003
- **I-st Prize** category 10 – 13 years
International Classical Guitar Contest/Young guitarists’ Contest
Sinaia
Sinaia, 2003
- **I-st Prize** V-th grade
The “George Georgescu” Music Contest
Tulcea, 15 – 18 may 2003

- **Great Prize**
The “George Georgescu” Music Contest
Tulcea, 15 – 18 may 2003
- **I-st Prize** category until 12 years
Maestrii Chitarei Contest,
București, 14 June 2003
- **I-st Prize** Vth Grade
National Musics Olympiad
București 12-15 June 2003
- **I-st Prize**
«Marele Premiu» of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor» contest
of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor»
București, 14 June 2003
- **Great Prize**
«Marele Premiu» of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor» contest
of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor»
București, 2003

12 – 13 years of age

- **I-st Prize** la categoria 10 – 13 ani
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 2003
- **I-st Prize**
Musics Olympiad – School Contest
Bucuresti, 28 February 2004
- **I-st Prize**
Musics Olympiad – Zonal Contest
Bucuresti, 30 March 2004
- **I-st Prize**
20th Century music Contest,
București, 20 March 2004
- **III-rd Prize** no age limit
The Classical Guitar Contest for Young Guitarists
Cluj, 20 september 2004
- **II-nd Prize** category A
Guitar Art Festival
Belgrade, 14-20 April 2004
- **I-st Prize** category 12-16 years
- Maestrii Chitarei Contest,

București, 14 June 2004

- **I-st Prize**
«Marele Premiu» of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor» contest
of the «Palatul Național al Copiilor»
București, 16-20 June 2004
- **II-nd Prize**
3 Europäische Jugendwettbewerb für Gitarre
Velbert, Deutschland, 23 septembrie 2004
- **I-st Prize** category 10-13 years
International Guitar Contest,
Sinaia, 2004

13 – 14 years of age

- **I-st Prize** category 13 – 17 years
«ARPEGII» Guitar Contest
Ploiești, 2004
- **I-st Prize** la categoria 13 – 17 ani
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 2004
- **III-rd Prize**
The Contest for Young Guitarists
Brașov, March 2005
- **III-rd Prize** category 10 – 13 years
International Festival « Ana Amalia »
Weimar, Germany, 29 March – 03 April 2005
- **I-st Prize** category 13-17 years
International Guitar Contest,
Sinaia, 2005
- **I-st Prize** VII-th grade
Musics Olympiad – Zonal Contest
București, 9-11 march 2005
- **I-st Prize** category 13-17 years
Maestrii Chitarei Contest
București, 2005
- **I-st Prize** category over 16 years
International Guitar Contest

Cluj-Napoca, 20-23 October 2005

14 – 15 years of age

- **I-st Prize** category 13-16 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 17-19 December 2005
- **II-nd Prize** category over 16 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, 17-19 December 2005
- **I-st Prize** category highschool (grades 9th to 12th)
National Music Olympiad
Arad, 2006
- **I-st Prize** category over 17 years
International Guitar Festival
Sinaia, 15-20 May 2006
- **II-nd Prize** category 13-17 years
National Guitar Contest
Buzău, 2006
- **III-rd Prize** category 13-17 years
International Guitar Festival “Andres Segovia”
Velbert, 24-27 May 2006
- **I-st Prize** category over 17 years
Maestrii Chitarei Contest
București, 2006
- **Rotary Gavi Prize**
XXXIX-st Classical Guitar Competition “Michele Pitaluga”
Alessandria, Italy, 25-29 September 2006

15 – 16 years of age

- **I-st Prize** category 19-26 years
Alba Iulia, 27-29 November 2006
- **II-nd Prize** category over 17 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, December 2006
- **I-st Prize** category highschool (grades 9th to 12th)
National Music Olympiad
Cluj, 2007
- **Special Prize**
XXXXth Classical Guitar Competition “Michele Pitaluga”
Alessandria, Italy, 24-29 September 2007

- **I-st Prize** category below 19 years
Guitar Foundation of America Youth Solo Competition
Los Angeles, USA, 16-22 October 2007

16 – 17 years of age

- **II-nd Prize** category over 17 years
National Classical Guitar Festival for Young Guitarists “Eduard Pamfil”
București, December 2007
- **II-nd Prize**
6th Annual Guitar Competition
Dallas, Texas, USA, March 2008
- **I-st Prize** category highschool (grades 9th to 12th)
National Music Olympiad
Bacau, 2008

17-18 years of age

- **II-nd Prize**
Düsseldorfer Gitarrenwettbewerb
Düsseldorf, Germany, 2009

18-19 years of age

- **II-nd Prize**
International guitar festival
Cordoba, Spain, July 2010
- **Audience Prize**
Certamen Internacional de Guitarra Classica „**Francisco Tarrega**“
Benicassim, Spain, September 2010
- **III-rd Prize**
Certamen Internacional de Guitarra Classica „**Francisco Tarrega**“
Benicassim, Spain, September 2010

18-19 years of age

- **I-st Prize**
Encuentro de Guitarra Classica „**Norba Caesarina**“
Caceres, Spain, December 2010