



The 2024-2025 Symphonic Season

Honoring composer George Enescu, the 2024-2025 Symphonic Season presents the most ambitious and richest program in recent decades, and a star-studded lineup featuring world-renowned musicians.

Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Charles Dutoit, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Renaud Capuçon, Daniel Hope, and Julian Rachlin are among the prestigious guests of the George Enescu Philharmonic.

- **George Enescu Philharmonic's 2024-2025 Season features 95 internationally acclaimed Romanian and foreign conductors and soloists, of whom 57 are first-time presences in the artistic programming of this institution.**
- **The Season's program includes premieres, operas in concert, Enescu's music, and representative works from all stylistic periods, from Baroque to contemporary music.**
- **The 2024-2025 Season is dedicated to the great Romanian composer George Enescu, marking, in 2025, 70 years since his passing.**
- **Ioana Cristina Goicea is the Artist-in-Residence for the 2024-2025 Season of the George Enescu Philharmonic.**
- **The George Enescu Philharmonic continues its program of supporting contemporary Romanian music creation.**

"With the 2024-2025 Season, the George Enescu Philharmonic takes its most ambitious step yet toward establishing an international profile. We want to become the stage where music lovers in Romania can listen throughout the entire year, in Bucharest, to both renowned foreign artists and the best Romanian artists. With guest artists such as Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Charles Dutoit, Daniel Hope, Elisabeth Leonskaja, and many others, as well as a repertoire that includes both well-known works and premieres, the George Enescu Philharmonic is set to elevate the institution's prestige and delight its audiences. We aim to revive the grandeur of the interwar period when the Romanian Athenaeum was a global hub for the greatest musicians of the time, who came to perform together with the George Enescu Philharmonic," stated **Marin Cazacu**, Director of the **George Enescu Philharmonic**, to the press.

Guests of the 2024-2025 Season

A total of **57 guests (60%)** are **appearing for the first time in the George Enescu Philharmonic Season**, among them great names in classical music, such as:

- Conductors: **Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Kristjan Järvi, Arnaud Arbet, Renaud Capuçon, Maxime Pascal, Nabil Shehata, Paul Goodwin, Gergely Madaras, José Luis Gomez, Lionel Bringuier, Julian Rachlin, Andrei Boreiko, Alexandre Bloch, Alexander Liebreich, Yan Pascal Tortelier, Roberto Forés Veses, Charles Dutoit, Samy Rachid, Jérémie Rhorer, Dmitri Liss, Carlos Miguel Prieto, Dmitri Jurowski, Jesko Sirvend, Ana Patino Osario, Robert Farkas, Courtney Lewis.**
- Pianists: **Bruce Liu, David Kaduch, Petr Limonov, Eva Gevorghyan, Alexander Gavrylyuk, Alexandre Tharaud, Katia and Marielle Labèque, Nobuyuki Tsujii.**
- Violinists: **Daniel Hope, Liza Ferschtman, Alexandra Conunova, Vadim Repin, Alena Baeva.**
- Cellists: **Zlatomir Fung, Ivan Karizna, Edgar Moreau.**
- Trumpeter: **Tine Thing Helseth.**
- Vocal soloists: **Damien Bigourdan** (tenor), **Marina Belli** (mezzo-soprano), **Peter Kirk** (tenor), **Charles Rice** (baritone), **Barnaby Rea** (bass), **Hye-Youn Lee** (soprano), **Judit Kutasi** (mezzo-soprano), **Nicolas Testé** (bass), **Katerina Knezikova** (soprano).

Alongside the Philharmonic Orchestra, **prestigious musicians close to the Romanian audience** will also perform, such as pianists **Elisabeth Leonskaja** and **Elena Bashkirova** and conductors **Christian Zacharias** and **Jean-Claude Casadesus**.

Among **Romanian musicians, established artists** are invited, including conductors **Gabriel Bebeșelea** and **Nicolae Moldoveanu**, violinists **Mihaela Martin** and **Alexandra Conunova**, and pianists **Viniciu Moroianu** and **Dana Ciocârlie**.

Additionally, **young Romanian artists** will perform as soloists: violinist **Ioana Cristina Goicea** (Artist-in-Residence for the 2024-2025 Season), violinists **Vlad Stănculeasa** and **Valentin Șerban**, cellists **Valentin Răduțiu** and **Andrei Ioniță**, and pianist **Daniel Ciobanu**. Actress **Ana Ularu** will take the stage of the George Enescu Philharmonic as narrator in Bernstein's *Symphony No. 3, Kaddish*, alongside soprano **Ana Maria Labin**.



The Artistic Program Includes Premieres, Concert Opera, Enescu's Music, and All Musical Eras

The Season's repertoire presents representative works from all stylistic periods, from Baroque to contemporary music, including both audience-favorite pieces - landmark works by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Brahms - and new or rarely performed pieces.

Among the **events** included in the 2024-2025 Season is **Johann Sebastian Bach's St. Matthew Passion**, a masterpiece of sacred music, to be conducted by **Gabriel Bebeșelea** during the Easter Season, marking, in 2025, 340 years since the composer's birth.

The Philharmonic will present for the first time on the Romanian Athenaeum stage two **operas in concert**: *La Voix Humaine* by **Francis Poulenc** and *L'heure espagnole* by **Maurice Ravel**.

Additionally, the season will feature **contemporary music pieces**, including **Arvo Pärt** - *Silouan's Song*, **Olga Viktorova** - *Quinlong Azure Dragon*, **Toru Takemitsu** - *Three Film Scores*, **Dominique Probst** - *Overture from the Nuées Cycle*, **Kristjan Järvi** - *Aurora*.

2024-2025 Season Dedicated to George Enescu – 70 Years Since His Passing

The **2024-2025 Season** honors **George Enescu**, marking **70 years since his passing** (on May 4, 1950). In tribute, the Philharmonic that bears his name has included several of the great Romanian composer's works in the Season's program.

The George Enescu Philharmonic continues its program of **supporting contemporary Romanian music**, and in the **2024-2025 Season** it will present the **world premiere** of *Oblatio Lucis* by **Alin Chelărescu**, a commissioned work by the Philharmonic and *Câmpuri de maci (Poppy Fields)* Oratorio by **Livia Teodorescu-Ciocănea**, as well as Piano Concertos by **Carmen Petra-Basacopol** and **Paul Constantinescu**.

For more information about the 2024-2025 Symphonic Season Program, you can visit: <https://filarmonicaenescu.ro/en/evenimente>, in the **Events & Tickets** section.