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George Enescu Philharmonic Announces 2024-2025 Season at International Level, Honoring Composer George Enescu

Renowned guests of the George Enescu Philharmonic include: Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Charles Dutoit, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Renaud Capuçon, Daniel Hope, Julian Rachlin

The George Enescu Philharmonic announces its 2024-2025 season, featuring 95 distinguished Romanian and international conductors and soloists, including 57 artists who will be making their debuts with this institution. The 2024-2025 season program, the most ambitious and diverse yet, has been posted on the website, at link <https://www.fge.org.ro/calendar>, inviting music enthusiasts to explore and decide on purchasing season subscriptions or individual concert tickets.

Season subscriptions will be available online from August 5 to September 19, 2024, and at the box office from September 3 to 19, while individual tickets will be available for purchase starting September 20. The 2024-2025 season pays tribute to the great Romanian composer George Enescu on the 70th commemoration of his death in 2025.

The 2024-2025 symphonic season opens on Thursday, October 3, and Friday, October 4, with a spectacular concert conducted by the legendary **Mikhail Pletnev**, featuring violinist **Ioana Cristina Goicea**. The program includes Alfred Alessandrescu's *Autumn Twilight*, Sibelius's *Violin Concerto*, and the premiere of Glazunov's *The Seasons*. **Ioana Cristina Goicea will be the Artist-in-Residence for the 2024-2025 season of the George Enescu Philharmonic.**

"This Season marks a significant leap towards establishing the George Enescu Philharmonic as an international cultural landmark. We aim to be Romania's premier stage, where music lovers can experience performances by world-renowned artists and the finest Romanian talents in Bucharest. With guest artists like Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Charles Dutoit, Daniel Hope, Elisabeth Leonskaja, and many others, and a repertoire that features 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 inter-war period when the Romanian Athenaeum was a global hub for the greatest musicians of the time, performing with the George Enescu Philharmonic," stated Marin Cazacu, Director of the George Enescu Philharmonic.

2024 - 2025 Season Guests

The Season will feature 57 first-time guests (i.e. 60% of our lineup) with the George Enescu Philharmonic, among whom are internationally acclaimed artists such as:

- conductors **Vasily Petrenko, Mikhail Pletnev, Kristjan Järvi, Arnaud Arbet, Renaud Capuçon, Maxime Pascal, Nabil Shehta, 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 Gevorgyan, 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), **Roberto Scandiuzzi** (bass), **Katerina Knezikova** (soprano).

George Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra will also welcome back prestigious musicians beloved by the Romanian audience, such as pianists **Elisabeth Leonskaja** and **Elena Bashkistrova**, as well as conductors **Christian Zacharias** and **Jean-Claude Casadesu**. Established Romanian musicians invited include conductors **Gabriel Bebeșelea** and **Nicolae Moldoveanu**; violinists **Mihaela Martin** and **Alexandra Conunova**; pianists **Viniciu Moroianu** and **Dana Ciocârlie**. Additionally, young Romanian talents will also 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**, pianist **Daniel Ciobanu**. Actress **Ana Ularu** will take to the George Enescu Philharmonic's stage as narrator for Bernstein's *Symphony No. 3, Kaddish*, accompanied by soprano **Ana Maria Labin**.

Program Highlights: Premieres, Operas in Concert, Enescu's Music, and All Musical Eras

The Season features a rich and diverse repertoire spanning all eras of classical music, from Baroque to contemporary music. The program includes beloved classics by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven, alongside exciting new compositions.

Among the standout events of the 2024-2025 season is **Johann Sebastian Bach's St. Matthew Passion (Matthäus-Passion)**, a masterpiece of sacred music to be performed under the baton of conductor **Gabriel Bebeșelea** in the lead-up to Easter, celebrating the 340th anniversary of Bach's birth in 2025.

For the first time, the Romanian Athenaeum will host concert performances of two operas: **Francis Poulenc's La Voix Humaine** and **Maurice Ravel's L'heure espagnole**, as well as contemporary music: **Arvo Pärt - Silouan's Song**, **Olga Viktorova - Quinlong Azure Dragon**,



Toru Takemitsu - *Three Film Scores*, **Dominique Probst** - *Overture from the Nuées* orchestral works, **Kristjan Järvi** - *Aurora*.

The 2024-2025 season is dedicated to George Enescu, on the 70th commemoration of his death in 2025, on May 4. In honor of the great Romanian composer, the Philharmonic that bears his name has included several of his works in this Season.

George Enescu Philharmonic remains committed to supporting contemporary Romanian compositions. The 2024-2025 season will premiere new works such as *Oblatio Lucis* by young composer **Alin Chelărescu**, commissioned by the Philharmonic, and **Livia Teodorescu Ciocănea's** oratorio *Poppy Fields*. Additionally, the season will feature piano concertos by **Carmen Petra-Basacopol** and **Paul Constantinescu**.

Subscriptions and Tickets

Given the legal framework, seasonal subscriptions are available in two installments, the first installment spans October to December 2024, and the second installment covers January to June 2025. Retirees have the option to purchase subscriptions through monthly payments.

To book your subscriptions, please contact the George Enescu Philharmonic by email at abonamente@fge.org.ro.

Concert tickets will be available for purchase starting September 20, 2024, online or at the Athenaeum box office.

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