

Violin, chamber music and orchestra



The violinist Natalija Čabrunić Pfeifer was born in 1977 in Pula, Croatia, where she graduated in violin in 1995 at the High Music School Ivan Matetić Ronjgov and in musical theory department in 1996. In 1996 she started violin studies at the Music Academy in Ljubljana and in 2001 successfully graduated in the class of prof. Monika Skalar. Since 2000 he has been regularly employed as a member of SNG Opera and Ballet Ljubljana Orchestra in the first violins and in 2011 acquired the title "acclaimed orchestral musician".

Already at an early age she has performed solo as well as in chamber ensembles locally and abroad. She has played in the baroque ensemble Istrian soloists, Piano Quartet Pro et Contra, Duet flute/violin Pas de deux, String Quartet Rožmarin (concerts in Slovenia and Germany) and Trio Entuziastik for which she writes its own arrangements. She was also a member of chamber orchestras Pro Arte, Slovenicum and Camerata Slovenica. She regularly cooperates with numerous renowned orchestras at home and abroad as part of the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra, RTV Slovenia Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra SNG Maribor, Orchestra of University of Juraj Dobrila Pula, International Orchestra of Sarajevo and other orchestras with which they also play for charity.

As a soloist she performed with the Orchestra SNG Opera and Ballet Ljubljana and the City of Pula Wind Orchestra.

She writes her own arrangements for solo violin ,duet voice/violin, duet violin/bassoon, duet violin/viola, string trio and piano trio (piano, violin and flute).

She recorded music for various theater and puppet shows, rock groups, as well as movies in Slovenia and Croatia.

She is multiple-time winner of the International Competition Istria Nobilissima in Rijeka where she won the 2nd award in 2000 and received a special award for the best interpretation in 2002 and 2004.

She has been in several master classes with world-famous pedagogues and violinists such as Asja Koucher, Maja Dešpalj Begovic and Stefan Milenkovic.

She has performed as a solo violinist at a number of important openings of exhibitions of famous painters such as Vatroslav Kulis, Josip Racic, Leo Junek, and she has opened the evenings of poetry of known poets. She often plays as a soloist at the Prešeren awards and other awards and diplomas at Ljubljana faculties.

From 2004 to 2009 she taught violin at the Music School Fran Gerbic in Cerknica. Her enthusiasm and great love for the pupils was the key for success of her students which have regularly entered national and international competitions and received numerous awards and recognitions. In 2007 she received a special recognition from the mayor of the municipality Cerknica for successfully mentoring during the school year 2006/2007.

In 2008 she started another wonderful life journey, which in addition to the violin and her family further fulfills her heart and her personality can be completely expressed. Her unique jewelry and hand-decorated glass vases in so far unknown technique fascinate and delight the proud

owners of her jewelry over and over again.

She speaks Slovenian, Croatian, Italian and English. In 2014 she successfully graduated 3rd degree of Hebrew language via the Internet at the Academy for the Hebrew Language in Jerusalem. She also speaks French and Spanish.

Natalija Čabrunić Pfeifer is an artist who demonstrates with her career, character, strong temperament, enthusiasm for life and with her love for her hometown Pula ,that it is not difficult to realize wishes, if it is really what the heart wants.

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