

Andrei Banciu

Biography

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Born in 1985 in Timisoara (Romania), Andrei Banciu began studying the piano in his home town with Maria Bodo, later continuing in Berlin at the UdK (University of the Arts) under Prof. Klaus Hellwig and at the "Hanns Eisler" School of Music under Prof. Fabio Bidini. He also studied Lied accompaniment with Prof. Wolfram Rieger and has taken masterclasses with Paul Badura-Skoda, Pascal Devoyon, Rainer Becker, Karl-Heinz Kämmerling, Jacques Rouvier, Rudolf Buchbinder and Mennahem Pressler.

From an early age he was a prize-winner at numerous national and international competitions, such as Rovere d'Oro, San Bartolomeo al Mare, Italy (1995), Jeunesses Musicales Bucharest, Romania (1998 and 2002), Kissinger Klavier Olymp ("Kissinger Piano Olympics") Bad Kissingen, Germany (2004), Béla Bartók Szeged, Hungary (2006) and the Artur Schnabel Piano Competition Berlin (2010). In 2015 he was a finalist in the Deutscher Musikwettbewerb (German Music Competition) in Lübeck and was awarded a scholarship, being subsequently selected to take part in the 60th selected young artists' concert season ("60. Bundesauswahl Konzerte Junger Künstler"). In September 2015, in duo with violinist Ioana Cristina Goicea he was awarded second prize at the Premio Trio di Trieste chamber music competition in Italy and has since performed throughout Europe in venues such as the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, the Romanian Atheneum, Bucharest and the Teatro Ristori and Teatro filarmonico, Verona.

In 2005 he had his first recital tour in the USA. He has participated in important music festivals in Germany, such as the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, "Kissinger Sommer" in Bad Kissingen and the European Weeks, Passau, and has performed as a soloist with orchestras throughout Romania, as well as with the Brussels Chamber Orchestra and the Cairo Symphony Orchestra.

As an active chamber musician, he has given performances with the Jacques Thibaud String Trio in Germany and the USA since 2003. He is also the pianist and a founder member of the Jacques Thibaud Ensemble. He has had numerous concert appearances in Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Belgium, France and the UK, including such venues as the Maison de la Radio France in Paris and the Royal Festival Hall, London. As a duo with violinist Ioana Cristina Goicea, he has appeared in numerous concerts in Germany, Italy and Romania. From 2010 to 2013 he was a faculty member of the Musica Mundi Chamber Music Course and Festival in Belgium, where he also appeared as a soloist with the Festival Orchestra conducted by Maxim Vengerov in 2012, and with the Brussels Chamber Orchestra in the concert for the Festival's 15th Anniversary in 2013.

He has been teaching at the Leipzig "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" University of Music and Theatre since 2012 and at the UdK Berlin since 2014. Between 2016 and 2018 he held a teaching post at the University of Music "Franz Liszt" in Weimar and starting in October 2018 he will be on the faculty of the "Hanns Eisler" School of Music in Berlin.

His concert performances have been broadcast on Bayerischer Rundfunk, Deutschlandfunk, Radio France, Radio 4 Netherlands, RAI 3 Italy.