

Eugeniy CHEVKENOV

was born on March 8th 1971 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in a well-known family of musicians. He took his first violin lesson at age of 6 and gave his first concert as a soloist with a symphony orchestra when he was 13 years old. After winning **First Prizes** both at The National Violin Competition and The National Chamber Music Competition at age of 18, he received many more international prestigious Awards. Through the years he studied with some great teachers - Darina Dankova, E.-M. Popova, Angel Stankoff, Oleg Kryssa, Josef Sivo, Gerald Schubert, Alfred Staar.

He holds **Master of Arts Degrees** from The National Academy of Music Sofia and The University of music and performing Arts Vienna. During his studies for several seasons he was a violinist of **Vienna Philharmonic**, taking part at Salzburger Festspiele, CD-recordings and Concert-tours of this exceptional orchestra.

In 2000 he was awarded Honor-Citizenship by the Government of Austria and the Mayor of Vienna, for his extraordinary achievements as a musician. His exceptional career has brought him to perform in **33 countries worldwide** (USA, Japan, China, Mexico, the most European countries) in some of the most prestigious and famous Halls:

Carnegie Hall New York, Musikverein and Konzerthaus Vienna, Bellas Artes Mexico City, Osaka Symphony Hall, Tokio Metropolitan Arts Center In 1999 he recorded for "Gramolla - Vienna" Vivaldi's "Four Seasons", in 2002 in Salzburg was produced his CD "Recital", in 2005 the CD "Eugenius" – at "Kalrec – Vienna". 1997-2001 Chevkenov teaches at The Summer Academy at Theresianum, Vienna. In 2000 he was appointed **Professor** at "Gustav Mahler Music Conservatory", Vienna.

He has given **Master-classes** in USA, China, Japan, Austria, Bulgaria and Greece and had the honor of being a **Jury-Member** at "Franz Schubert International Competition" Russe 2005 and "Dobrin Petkov International Violin Competition" Plovdiv 2007. Chevkenov founded in 2002 "**Ensemble Concertante Vienna**" and won international recognition as its **Soloist and Conductor**, in Europe, America and even in China, where the Ensemble played at the revealing of the Johann-Strauss-Monument in Beijing. In 2006 & 2007 The President of Austrian Parliament Mrs. Barbara Prammer took "Ensemble Concertante Vienna" under her Patronage. Eugeniy Chevkenov is a co-founder of "European Culture Society of Vienna" and since 2008 its **Chairman**.