

FRANTIŠEK BRIKCIUS - CELLO



Czech cellist František Brikcius was born in Prague, into a family with a distinguished cultural background. From early childhood he began to play the cello and quickly developed into a competent student. He was accepted into the Janáček Academy of Music (JAMU) in Brno after completing his study of the absolatory at the Prague Conservatoire, under Professor Jaroslav Kulhan. As a student at JAMU, František studied in Bedřich Havlík's cello class. He furthered his study at The Toho Gakuen Academy in Japan, and continues his studies today with master classes under the guidance of Professor Anna Shuttleworth in United Kingdom. He graduated from JAMU with an MgA degree, under the tutelage of Professor Evžen Rattay.

He has actively participated in many international cello master classes in Czech Republic, Austria, Germany, Great Britain and Israel. French Academy 1999, 2000, 2001 (Prof. J.Bárta), Terezín Composers International Master classes 1999 (Prof. D.Sella), Cello Master classes 2001 (Prof. L.Meze), Jihlava Master classes 2000, 2001, 2002 (Prof. D.Sella, Prof. E.Rattay), International Cello Interpretation Master classes 2002 (Prof. S.Apolín), Summer Academy in Semmering 2000, 2001, 2003 (Prof. C.Onszczy, Prof. T.Kühne), Cello Master classes 2003 (Prof. L.Uynterlinde), Eton Cello Master classes 2002, 2004 (Prof. J.Goritzki, Prof. Melissa Phelps, Prof. Anna Shuttleworth), Jerusalem Academy Master classes in Jezreel Valley 2004 (Prof. Z.Plessner, Prof. S.Magen), Terezín Composers Master classes in Israel 2004 (Prof. D.Sella).

He has performed at many festivals including Lotherton Hall Young Artists Platform 2002 (UK), Festival Czech and Slovak Music in London 1999, 2000, 2002 (UK), Festival History, Music & Memory 2004 (Israel), Festival Music in the Valley 2004 (Israel), Violoncello 2005 in Brussels (Belgium), Spring in Russia 2006 (Moscow), LFŠ 2006 (Czech republic), Year of Jewish Culture - 100 Years of the Jewish Museum in Prague 2006 (Czech republic), Weinberger Tour 2007, 2008 (Czech republic), Dvořák's musical Nelahozeves 2007 (Czech republic), Musicale delle Nazioni 2007 (Italy), Premières rencontres avec Paul Bazelaire 2007 (France), Chotěboř's Spring 2008 (Czech republic), Boskovice 08 (Czech republic), Bašćaršijske noći 2008 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Duo Brikcius - 2 Cellos Tour, 54th Dvořák's Festival (2009), Festival Theatrum Kuks (2009), European Days of Jewish Culture (2009), Století andělů a d'áblů v Pošumaví (2009).

He also enthusiastically visits cello festivals where he is able to mix with other young artists. These include the RNCM Manchester International Cello Festival 2004, Cello Meisterkurse & Konzerte Kronberg Academy 2004. František Brikcius was the winner of the Anglo-Czech Competition in London (1999). He was awarded 2nd prize at The International String Competition London (2000), and 2nd prize at The International String Competition Jihlava (2003). He was a fellow of The Czech Music Foundation (ČMF) in the 2001 and 2002 for the interpretation of contemporary Czech composers.

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He chose to dedicate his life to the interpretation of cello compositions written by composers of the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, with special consideration given to compositions for cello solo. He also allows himself time to concentrate on works by Czech, Terezín and contemporary composers. František Brikcius plays a "George Kriwalski" cello made in 1904. Together with his sister Anna Brikcius, he is a founder member of the "Duo Brikcius". Music cooperation with Talich chamber orchestra, pianist Tomáš Víšek, composer Irena Kosíková and conductor Jan Talich.

Concert tours "Brikcius Cello Tour 2007", "Weinberger Tour" and "Duo Brikcius - 2 Cellos Tour" in Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech republic, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Sweden and the United Kingdom. More information about František Brikcius and his projects ("Prague - Brno: 6 Contemporary Composers for Cello Solo", "Tartini's L'Arte dell'Arco in the interpretation of František Brikcius", "7 Candles", "Weinberger Tour", "Duo Brikcius - 2 Cellos Tour", "MAKANNA" & "eSACHERe") is on websites <http://www.Brikcius.com>.

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