

JURAJ CIZMAROVIC

BIOGRAPHY

Juraj Cizmarovic is one of the most celebrated Slovakian violinists. He has won numerous prizes and awards at national and international competitions, including the violin competition in Belgrade, the Slovakian National Competition and the Tibor Varga Competition.

Solo appearances have taken him to many European countries, the USA, Japan, and Korea. He performs regularly with renowned orchestras, among them the Budapest Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich.

He has collaborated with such distinguished conductors as Daniel Barenboim, James Levine, Pierre Boulez, Christian Thielemann and Giuseppe Sinopoli and is a guest at festivals, including the Rheingau Musikfestival and the Bratislava Music Festival.

Juraj Cizmarovic has appeared in many radio and television broadcasts and recorded several CDs. He was concertmaster of the Gürzenich Orchestra in Cologne from 1990 to 2004. In April 2004 Juraj Cizmarovic was appointed principal concertmaster of the WDR Radio Orchestra Cologne. Since 1997 he has been engaged regularly as one of the concertmasters of the famed Bayreuth Festival Orchestra.

In addition to his extensive solo career, Juraj Cizmarovic also devotes himself to chamber music. He is the founder and director of the Cimarosa Chamber Orchestra, which is composed of musicians who have performed with various European orchestras and chamber music ensembles for many years. Through his work with the orchestra he discovered his love of conducting and is currently making a name for himself as a conductor as well.

Juraj Cizmarovic plays a Nicolo Gagliano violin from 1761.