



MICHAEL FRISCHENSCHLAGER

Soloist, chamber musician, violin pedagogue from Salzburg, Michael Frischenschlager is descendant of a well-known musicians family of long tradition. He studied violin, conducting, musicology at the academies and universities in Salzburg, Köln, Wien and Roma. His violin teachers were Theodor Müller, André Gertler, Franz Samohyl and Yehudi Menuhin.

After several years of orchestra experience on highest artistic level (Wiener Solisten, Wiener Philharmoniker) he started a period of intensive, exclusive concert activity as soloist and chamber musician, with concerts in almost all European countries, in North America and in Asia.

In 1971 he began to teach at the University of Music and Performing Arts of Vienna, and among his students, many became winners of National and International competitions, successful soloists, chamber musicians, and members of important orchestras in Austria, Europe, Asia.

In 1984 he has been elected head of string department, in 1989 became Vice Rector, from 1992 to 1996 he served as Rector of the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts.

He is worldwide in demand as jury member of many renowned violin and chamber music competitions and as teacher he has a very intense schedule of Master-classes at famous Universities and Academies.

Since 1989 he is President of the International Fritz Kreisler Competition in Vienna.

In 1991 he founded the International Summer Academy Prague-Vienna-Budapest of the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts, and he has been its Director for 14 years.

For many years he has been President of the European String Teachers Association in Austria (ESTA) and Committee member as well as Vice President of the World Federation of International Music Competitions (WFIMC).