

Elvin Hoxha Ganiyev is a solo concert violinist performing with the greatest orchestras and top conductors worldwide. His repertoire includes virtuoso and solo violin pieces, concertos for violin and orchestra, and sonatas for violin and piano.

### **EDUCATION**

Folkwang Universität der Künste in Essen, Germany Konzertexamen (*current*) Student of Prof. Aleksey Semenenko.

Universität der Künste Berlin, Germany MA, Instrumentalsolist (*current*) Student of Mark Gothoni

Hochschule für Musik Theater und Medien Hannover, Germany Master's Degree (2022) Student of Professor Krzysztof Wegrzyn

Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía, Spain Bachelor's degree (2019) Student of Professor Zakhar Bron

### **PERFORMANCES**

### CONDUCTORS

Zubin Mehta, Yuri Bashmet, Vladimir Fedoseyev, Gennady Rozhdestvensky, Zakhar Bron, Sasha Goetzel, Gürer Aykal, Rauf Abdullayev, Server Ganiyev, İbrahim Yazıcı, Martin André, Dmitry Liss, Rengim Gökmen, Valery Vorona, Klaus Weise, Placido Domingo, Jules van Hessen, Ender Sakpınar, Nikolay Lalov and David Bernard, Fuad Ibrahimov, Noorman Widjaja, Antonio Pirolli, Howard Griffiths, Valentin Uryupin

### **CONCERT HALLS**

Carnegie Hall, The Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Kremlin Palace and Tchaikovsky Concert Hall Moscow, Grand Hall of St. Petersburg Philharmonia, Opera Garnier Monte-Carlo, De Doelen Rotterdam, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Athena Megaro Hall, Zurich Tonhalle, The Royal Albert Hall, St. John's Smith Square London

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#### **ORCHESTRAS**

Berliner Philharmoniker, Moscow Virtuosi,

Shanghai Chamber Orchestra,

Amsterdam Philharmonic, Borusan

Philharmonic, Azerbaijani State

Philharmonic, Qatar Philharmonic, Odessa

Philharmonic, New Russia Orchestra,

BMTG NY Chamber Orchestra, Bilkent

Chamber & Bilkent Symphony Orchestra,

Russian National Orchestra, Kremerata

Baltica, St. Petersburg Philharmonic,

Orchestra, Musica Viva Chamber

Orchestra Moscow, Tchaikovsky

Symphony Orchestra, Bron Chamber

Orchestra, Bourgogne Lyric Orchestra,

Turkish Presidential Symphony Orchestra,

İstanbul State Symphony, Bursa State

Symphony, Antalya State Symphony,

Eskişehir Municipality Symphony, İzmir

State Symphony, Albanian RTSH

Orchestra, Albanian Opera and Ballet

State Orchestra, Polish National Radio

Symphony Orchestra.

### PERFORMANCES AND MASTERCLASSES WITH

Zakhar Bron, Vadim Repin, Maxim Shlomo Mintz, Cihat Aşkın, Sergey

Vengerov, Ivri Gitlis, Fazıl Say, Viktor Kravchenko, Anne Sophie Mutter, Itzhak

Pikayzen, Yusif Eyvazov, Güher-Süher Rashkovsky, Renaud Capuçon,

Pekinel, Pierre Amoyal, Shmuel Ashkenasi Friedemann Eichhorn

### **FESTIVALS**

Switzerland: Interlaken Classics Festivals, Festival, Trans-Siberian Art Festival. Turkey:

France: Menton Festival, Cannes Music Istanbul Music Festival, Ankara Music

Festival, Voices for Peace, Festival du Festival, Bodrum Music Festival. Germany:

Floréal Musical d'Epinal. Azerbaijan: Oettingen Festival, Kloster Bentlage,

Rostropovich Festival, Gabala Music Greece: Megaro Festival

Festival. Russia: Vladimir Spivakov Invites

### AWARDS

2023 Karol Szymanowski International Music Competition, 2nd prize

2021 George Enescu International Violin Competition, Special iPalpiti Prize

2021 George Enescu International Violin Competition, Semifinalist

2021 International Jascha Heifetz Violin Competition, Public Prize

2019 Istanbul Culture and Arts Foundation, Aydin Gun Encouragement Award

2019 Virtuoso Award, Vienna International Music Competition, Grand Prize

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AWARDS cont'd.

2018 The Republic of Azerbaijan, Honoured Artist of Azerbaijan

2018 Florida Keys International Music Competition for Young Talents, Grand Prize

2018 Berliner International Music Competition, Golden Medal

2016 Shanghai Isaac Stern International Violin Competition, Semifinalist

2016 Novosibirsk Russia Young Violinist International Competition, 1st Prize

2016 New York Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition, 3rd Prize

2013 V. Moscow International David Oistrakh Violin Competition, 3rd Prize

2012 7th Intl. Tchaikovsky Young Musicians Competition Switzerland, Special Prize

2012 2nd Competition and International Music Festival Night in Madrid, 1st Prize

2010 A medal from the Pope

2010 Andante Classical Music Awards, New Young Musician of the Year

2009 International Lipinski-Wieniawski Young Violinist Competition, 2nd prize

2008 Azerbaijani Presidential Scholarship. Included in the Golden Book of Azerbaijan.

2007 2nd Gülden Turalı Violin Competition, 1st prize and Turkish Composer Special Award

2006 International Classical Culture Heritage Competition in Moscow, 1st prize

### RECORDINGS

2021 "Voyages, Chapter Istanbul" Album. Cem Esen, Fazıl Say Violin Sonatas

2020 "Chausson, Poème Op.25" EP

2019 "Fazil Say's 1001 Nights in the Harem" EP

2015 LGT Young Soloists, "Italian Journey - Works for String Orchestra" Sony Music **Entertainment Switzerland GmbH** 

### **TESTIMONIALS**

"I'm truly impressed by his tremendous talent." | Zubin Mehta

"Elvin has shown exceptional talent as a soloist. Apart from his high quality of technical abilities, he is playing with a variety of colors in his sound and with an expression that touches every audience." | Prof. Zakhar Bron

"With his remarkable talents, I certainly believe that Elvin should be considered one of the few greatest violinists of our time." | Vladimir Ashkenazy

"Elvin embodies the characteristics of the world's greatest virtuosos." | Gennady Rozhdestvensky

"I would like to give my utmost consideration regarding his distinguished talent and promising potential for his future career." | Plácido Domingo

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Elvin Hoxha Ganiyev is a solo concert violinist with a broad and diverse repertoire who is currently pursuing his Konzertexamen degree at Folkwang Universität der Künste in Essen with Prof. Aleksey Semenenko and his second Master's degree in Instrumentalsolist program of UdK Berlin with Mark Gothoni simultaneously.

He holds a Master's Degree from Hochschule für Musik Theater und Medien Hannover in Germany, where he studied with Professor Krzysztof Wegrzyn, and also a Bachelor's Degree from Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía in Spain, from the class of Professor Zakhar Bron.

Elvin was born in 1997 into a family of esteemed musicians and started playing the violin when he was five years old. At the age of 8, he gave his first orchestral concert with his grandfather Server Ganiyev, and that same year he was admitted to the Zurich Conservatory Young Student program. Since the age of 10, when Elvin made his debut with Moscow Virtuosi under the baton of Vladimir Spivakov at the Kremlin Palace, he has always performed with renowned conductors and esteemed orchestras in prominent concert halls and prestigious international festivals throughout the world.

Elvin has won numerous awards and honors at prestigious international competitions. In 2023, he won the 2nd place at the prestigious Karol Szymanowski International Music Competition. He is the Semi-finalist and the winner of the special iPalpiti Prize at the 2021 George Enescu International Violin Competition. The same year, he was also awarded the Public Prize at the International Jascha Heifetz Violin Competition, where he was a semifinalist. Elvin is also the laureate of many other reputable international music competitions, including the David Oistrakh Violin Competition, Lipinski-Wieniawski Competition for Young Musicians, Golden Medal Berliner International Music Competition, and Vienna International Music Competition, to name a few.

He released a debut album in 2019, "Say's 1001 Nights in the Harem Violin Concerto," and a single in 2020, "Chausson, Poème Op.25," on digital music platforms. He recorded with LGT Young Soloists for the "Italian Journey" album under RCA Red Seal/Sony Music Switzerland. His latest album, "Voyages, Chapter Istanbul," where he performed Cem Esen's and Fazıl Say's Violin Sonatas, was released in 2021. He is currently developing new recording projects both for classical and contemporary works.

Elvin founded an ensemble of 15 musicians called "Afterimage Ensemble," whose purpose is to play lesser-known compositions of composers from minority groups. The ensemble is working on the concert programs and planning performances for the upcoming seasons.

Elvin Hoxha Ganiyev is supported by the ÇEV Contemporary Education Foundation of Turkey Young Talents Project. Elvin performs on a 1715 Guiseppe Guarneri "filius Andreae" violin with an Eugène Sartory bow.

### REPERTOIRE

### **VIRTUOSO PIECES**

Béla Bartók - Romanian Folk Dances

Antonio Bazzini - La Ronde des Lutins

Johannes Brahms - Hungarian Dance No. 1

Johannes Brahms - Hungarian Dance No. 5

Johannes Brahms - Hungarian Dance No. 7

Ernest Chausson - Poème, Op. 25

Antonín Dvořák - Humoresques, Op. 101 No. 7

Heinrich Wilhelm Ernst - Fantasie brillante sur la Marche et la Romance d'Otello

Manuel de Falla - Suite Populaire 'Nana'

Manuel de Falla - Danza Española No. 1

George Gershwin, D. Heyward, Ira Gershwin -Summertime and A Woman is a Sometime Thing

Fritz Kreisler - Liebeslied

Fritz Kreisler - Liebesfreud

Fritz Kreisler - La Gitana

Fritz Kreisler - Midnight Bells

Fritz Kreisler - Syncopation

Fritz Kreisler - Variations on a Theme of Corelli

Fritz Kreisler - Prelude and Allegro in the style of Pugnani

Jules Massenet - Méditation

Niccolò Paganini - I Palpiti

Astor Piazzola - Las Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas

Manuel Ponce - Estrellita

Maurice Ravel - Tzigane

Camille Saint-Saëns - Rondo Capriccioso, Op.28

Pablo de Sarasate - Malagueña

Pablo de Sarasate - Zigeunerweisen, Op.20

Karol Szymanowski - Mythes Three Poems, Op.30 for Violin and piano

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Méditation

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - The Valse-Scherzo in C major, Op. 34

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Melodie, Op.42 No.3

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Suite from "Swan Lake " for solo violin

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Russian Dance

Franz Waxman - Carmen Fantasie

Henryk Wieniawski - Variations on an Original Theme, Op.15

Henryk Wieniawski - Faust Fantasy, Op.20

Henryk Wieniawski - Scherzo Tarantelle, Op.16

Henryk Wieniawski - Polonaise de concert in D Major, Op.4

Henryk Wieniawski - Légende, Op.17

### **CONCERTOS**

Johann Sebastian Bach - Concerto for 2 Violins in D Minor, BWV 1043

Johann Sebastian Bach - Violin Concerto in E Major, BWV 1042

Johann Sebastian Bach - Violin Concerto in A Minor, BWV 1041

Béla Bartók - Violin Concerto No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 61

Ludwig van Beethoven - Triple Concerto for Violin, Cello & Piano in C Major, Op. 56

Johannes Brahms -Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 77

Johannes Brahms -

The Double Concerto in A minor, Op. 102

Gang Chen & Zhanhao He - Violin Concerto "Butterfly Lovers"

Ulvi Cemal Erkin - Violin Concerto

Rauf Hadjiyev - Violin Concerto

Kara Karayev - Violin Concerto

Édouard Lalo - Symphony Espagnole in F Major, Op. 20

Felix Mendelssohn - Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64

Felix Mendelssohn - Concerto for Violin and String Orchestra in D minor

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major, K 216

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Violin Concerto No . 4 in D Major, K 218

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Violin Concerto No . 5 in A Major, K 219

Niccolò Paganini - Violin Concerto No. 1, Op. 6

Aleksandër Peçi - Violin Concerto "Love" (Premiere)

Sergei Prokofiev - Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 19

Sergei Prokofiev - Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63

Fazıl Say - Violin Concerto "1001 Nights in the Harem"

Dmitri Shostakovich -

The Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 77

Jean Sibelius -

The Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47

Karol Szymanowski - Violin Concerto No.1 Op.35

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 35

Henri Vieuxtemps - Violin Concerto No.5 in A minor, Op. 37

Antonio Vivaldi - The Four Seasons

Antonio Vivaldi - Concerto for 4 Violins in B Minor, RV 580

Henryk Wieniawski - Violin Concerto No. 1 in F sharp Minor

Henryk Wieniawski - Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Major

### **SOLO VIOLIN**

Johann Sebastian Bach - Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, BWV 1001

Johann Sebastian Bach - Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003

Johann Sebastian Bach - Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006

Francesco Geminiani - Sonata violin solo in B-flat Major

Nathan Milstein - Paganiniana

Niccolò Paganini - Caprices nr. 1,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14,16,17,18,19,21,23,24

Aleksandër Peçi - "Epiphyse" sonata for violin solo No.3 (Premiere)

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata for Solo Violin, Op. 27, No. 2 "Jacques Thibaud"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 1 in G Minor "Joseph Szigeti"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 2 in A Minor "Jacques Thibaud"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 3 in D Minor "Georges Enescu"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 4 in E Minor "Fritz Kreisler"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 5 in G Major "Mathieu Crickboom"

Eugene Ysaÿe - Sonata No. 6 in E Major "Manuel Quiroga"

#### SONATAS FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Op. 12

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata No. 5 in F Major, Op. 24

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata No. 7 in C Minor, Op.30-2

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata No. 8 in G Major, Op.30-3

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata No. 9 in A Major, Op.47 "Kreutzer"

Johannes Brahms - Violin Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op.78

Johannes Brahms - Violin Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108

George Enescu - Violin Sonata No. 2 in F Minor, Op.6

Cem Esen - Violin Sonata Op. 24

Cem Esen - Fantasy for Violin and Piano, Op.30

César Franck - Violin Sonata in A Major

Edvard Grieg - Violin Sonata No. 3 in G Minor, Op. 45

George Frideric Händel - Violin Sonata No. 4 in D major, Op.1 No. 13, HWV 371

George Frideric Händel - Violin Sonata in G minor, Op.1 No.6, HWV364a

Kara Karayev - Violin Sonata

Jean-Marie Leclair - Violin Sonata No. 3 in D Major, Op. 9

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Sonata for Piano and Violin in E minor, K. 304

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Violin Sonata in C Major, K. 296

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Violin Sonata in F Major, K. 376

Aleksandër Peçi - Sonata No. 3

Sergei Prokofiev - Violin Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op.80

Fazıl Say - Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 7

Fazıl Say - Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 82 "Mount Ida"

G. Tartini - Violin Sonata "Le Trille Du Diable"

Mieczysław Weinberg - Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 37

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### **CHAMBER MUSIC**

Ilhan Baran - Transformations for Piano Trio

Johannes Brahms - Piano Trio in B Major, Op.8

Johannes Brahms - Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115

Claude Debussy - Piano Trio in G major L.5

César Franck - Piano Quintet in F minor

Joseph Haydn - Piano Trio in G major, Hob.XV:25

Felix Mendelssohn - Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66

Sergei Rachmaninov - Trio élégiaque No. 1 in **G** Minor

Fazil Say - Space Jump Op. 46 Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello

Robert Schumann - The Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44

Franz Schubert - Piano "Trout" Quintet in A major, D.667

Dmitri Shostakovich - Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67