

KRUTZ Player Profiles



Cristian Fatu

PROFESSION: Violin Assistant Concert Master - West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

HOMETOWN: Bucharest, Romania

FAVORITE TEACHER: Olivia Papa - Violin Instructor at the "George Enescu" Music High School in Bucharest

HOW THEY INSPIRED YOU: "...the most inspiring moments were when I went to competitions in the sixth grade. The first teacher that I had (Olivia Papa) had a habit of preparing students for Romanian National Competitions and then for International Competitions. So the ones that won the National Competitions would go abroad and, of course, that was a big fascination coming from an East European country and getting to go to a place like Italy or Germany. That was a very big motivation for me to practice and prepare and pursue classical music as best as I could at that point in my life. Before 1990, Romania was a communist country and, economically speaking, it was not very developed. So, getting to visit a western European country, such as Italy or Germany, was kind of going to the moon. In 1994, I won the Gold medal in Italy, which was the first prize!"

MY ADVICE: "Of course, the job of educators is to inspire, to find an approach which is going to entice the student to practice and then to keep going."

MY INSTRUMENT: Anton Krutz 2012 Signature Violin



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