

IZABELA GHERGU & IOANA TUDOR DUO

The duo Izabela Ghergu (cello) – Ioana Maria Tudor (violin) means several different things: a strong friendship, freedom of expression, a group through which one can also make a name for oneself as a solo artist. There are many occasions when the two musicians, although together, still give each other personal space within their performance. It is precisely what makes the duo endure: Izabela and Ioana have been playing together for over 5 years and intend to carry on, although they are also part of other chamber music projects. Both believe that good communication contributes a lot to how they perform, and that not only do the audience receive their music, but they also contribute to its creation. Moreover, each member of the duo has already received national and international endorsement in important competitions. Izabela won the 1st prize at the *Giovani Talenti Rovere D'Oro* international instrument performance competition (Italy, 2008), 3rd prize at the international cello competition in Liezen (Austria, 2012), the grand prize of the *W.A.Mozart* competition (Târgoviște, 2013), the grand prize at the “Alexandru Moroșanu” national competition (2014), the grand prize at the “Eugen Coca” international competition for young performers (Chisinau, 2015). Ioana is a 1st prize winner in many national competitions, such as “Victor Giuleanu”, “Modest Iftinchi”, “Dan Cumpătă”, and international competitions like “Erich Bergel & Dorothy Kitchen”, “The Great Composers”, “Music Unites Europe” etc.

With ambition and determination, they seek to develop a repertoire in line with both the personal and instrumental specificity of their duo.

When she does not study or perform, Izabela reads detective novels, poetry and philosophy, while Ioana reads Mircea Eliade and is interested in the diaries of fine artists like Frida Khalo and Vincent van Gogh. Both are happy that their friends understand and support them when it comes to their artistic careers.

