

## **GHEORGHE DORIN TUCA - VIOLIN**

Gheorghe Dorin Tuca is a violinist currently studying for a Masters Degree in Solo Performance at the Royal Northern College of Music with Yuri Torchinsky.

Born in Romania, Georghe was the recipient of 1<sup>st</sup> prize at the Deva and Oradea National Competitions and a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Targul Jiu national competition. At the age of 14 he was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Romanian Musical Olympics and Special Prizes in the George Enesco International Competition and Cornelia Bronzetti International Violin Competition.

Gheorghe came to England in 2003 to study at the Purcell School on a full scholarship. At the age of 18 he went on to undergraduate study at the Royal Northern College of Music on a full scholarship, where he was awarded the Helen Porthouse Paganini Prize. He graduated in 2009 with a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons Degree.

Gheorghe has performed extensively throughout Great Britain as a soloist and chamber musician with groups from Pro Corda, VaCO, EVaCO and the St. Cecilia Orchestra and with his quartet from the RNCM, the Roberts Quartet. He has also performed in many international venues including Budapest, Prague, Krakow and Munich.

Gheorghe is the recipient of two awards from the Musicians Benevolent Fund – in 2009 he was awarded a Postgraduate Performance Award and this year was named the recipient of the Manoug Parikian Award. Both awards are providing funding for Gheorghe to continue his postgraduate studies at the RNCM.

Recent engagements include performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the York Symphony Orchestra in March and Martinu's Sinfonia Concertante with the St Cecilia Orchestra in Ripon.