



**ANDREEA BANCIU - viola
member of the ConTempo String Quartet**

Andreea was born in Bucharest and is a post-graduate of the University of Music in Bucharest. His studies continued at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada, Accademia Chigiana in Siena, Royal Academy of Music in London, Escuela Superior de Musica Reina Sophia in Madrid and European Academy of Music in Aix-en-Provence, Diemut Poppen, David Takeno, Thomas Kakuska, and Douglas MacNabney.

He also studied and worked in various string quartet master classes with members of the Amadeus, Alban Berg, Hagen, Tokyo and Emerson Quartets.

In 1999 the ConTempo Quartet was offered a Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where each member coached chamber music groups.

In 2003, after an international audition, Andreea and his colleagues from ConTempo became Galway's Quartet-in-Residence on the west coast of Ireland, a job sponsored by the National University of Galway, the National TV Channel TG4 & the Arts Council.

Andreea won many national competitions all over Romania and as a member of the ConTempo String Quartet she has won a record of 13 international prizes in competitions such as London, Munich, Hamburg, Rome, Graz, Berlin, Bucharest & Prague.

Adreea has a busy schedule of more than 80 concerts a year and she has performed, on hes own or with the ConTempo Quartet, all over the world including Davos International Fest, Wigmore Hall and St.Martin-in-the-Fields in London, Berliner Philharmoniker, Waterfront in Belfast, Max Joseph Saal in Munich, Theatre Chatelet and

Festival Clasiq-ue-au-Vert in Paris, Auditorium in Brussels, Gedai University in Tokio, Opera House in Tel-Aviv, Haydn Festival in Eisenstadt, King's Lynn Festival (where ConTempo played with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Elgar's Introduction and Allegro), Stockholm, National Concert Hall in Dublin, San Marino, Toronto, Madrid, Rome, Lisbon, Vatican, Amsterdam, Graz, Beijing and Bucharest.

Andreea and her colleagues from ConTempo had the honor to perform for personalities such as the Pope John Paul II, Nelson Mandela, Prince Charles and the EU Ministers.

As a member of the ConTempo Quartet Andreea has recorded for BBC, RTE, Lyric FM, Radio France Musique, TV Mezzo, RAI, ORF, TVR and for the CD Companies: Sonny, Universal, DeutscheSchalplatten, Somm etc.

ConTempo recorded also the music for Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks's TV Drama Band of Brothers and featured in Bob Quinn's film "ConTempo goes West".

Her connections with the film world include appearances in two movies as a supporting actress (the last one, "Trop tard", was selected for the Cannes Festival in France).

Collaboration with different artists and musical genres is a very important part of Andreea's musical life.

She was joined in her concerts by well known artists as: Emma Johnson - clarinet, members of Amadeus, Arditti, Casals, Vanbrugh & Balanescu quartets, John O'Conor, Hugh Tinny & Finghinian Collins / piano etc.

Andreea is holding international courses in Ireland (Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin, Concorda, ConTempo Summer School in Galway etc.) Romania, UK & Japan.