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BIOGRAPHY

Leonid Peisahov was born in Tbilisi (Georgia). At the age of 6 he began studying violin at the special school for talented children "Z.Paliashvili"- Tbilisi under the tuition of Prof. L.Jashvili. He had his first solo recital at age of 14.

In 1983 continued his studies at Conservatory "V.Saradzishvili" - Tbilisi , under the tuition of the Prof. K. Vardely. During his studies he performed many recitals as well as also concerts with Georgian Philharmonic Orchestra.

In 1988 he enrolled Master degree studies at the Tbilisi Conservatory under the tuition of the great violinist Oleg Kagan.

From 1989-1991 he worked as assistant-prof at the Conservatory in Tbilisi.He moved in Skopje (R.Macedonia) in 1991 for he had been invited by Macedonian Philharmonic Orchestra .Since then he has been a Concertmaster of the Macedonian Philharmonic Orchestra - Skopje. In a mean time he founded a string quartet, which has successfully performed concerts as well as has realized studio recordings for the Macedonian Radio-Television.

From 1994 he has become a leader of the Chamber Orchestra of the Macedonian Radio-Television. As a soloist and concertmaster he has cooperated with many great conductors as Jansug Kahidze, Veronica Dударova, Arnold Katc, Juri Aliev, Milen Nachev , Emil Tabakov, Andrey Boreyko and many others. Also he has been announced as a professor of violin at the " Ilija Nikolovsky – Luj College of Music – Skopje. Several of his students have obtained National and international rewards.

Since 1993 he has regularly hold Master seminars of violin at the Music Academy in Sofia (Bulgaria), International Music Festival "Vrnici" Yugoslavia, "Ohrid Summer Festival", Macedonia, Music Academy in Belgrade , as well as he has been a regular member of the jury of the international competition "Earth and the People", Sofia, Bulgaria, "Rotary Club Competition, Hamburg, Germany, He has had solo performances in Italy ,Bulgaria, Germany, USSR, Turkey, Japan, Israel, Romania,Yugoslavia, France, est. In 1994 he recorded his first CD with solo Sonatas and Partitas from J.S. Bach for the Macedonian Radio and Television, Popular music for violin and piano, with his wife pianist Nadezda Pozharitskaya, Concerto for violin and Orchestra by Gligor Smokvarsky(Macedonian composer),est.

From march 2004 he is Permanent Resident of Canada, from September 2004 Principal Second violin in Chamber Orchestra "SinfoniaToronto",

From 2005 Principal Second Violin in Brantford Symphony Orchestra, from 2006 Assistant Concertmaster in Oshawa Symphony. His repertoire ranges from the Baroque up to contemporary music.

In 2007 Leonid start working as Strings Itinerant Music Instructor in Toronto District School Board.

Since 2008 Leonid every year working in TDSB All City Orchestra, working with group of violins in String and Symphony Orchestra.

His method is based on a combination of teaching the string instruments, playing and giving profound knowledge of theory and history of music.

His sense of humor helps students to get a real pleasure from things, that usually seems difficult and to enjoy every moment of learning the string instrument. Very important part of his teaching method is demonstration, for young students is the best example how to get the best sound and improve playing technic.

Leonid is gifted and dedicated teacher, who has years of experience preparing students for exams and competitions.