



Ionela Butu - Associate Professor at the National University of Arts *George Enescu* from Iași, Romania - is a musician with a complex professional background. She graduated from the Faculty of Music - Piano Performance at the *George Enescu* University of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy at the *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University. Doctoral studies - completed in 2007 were followed by post-doctoral studies at the Bucharest National University of Music, with the project *The Songs for Soprano and Piano by S. Rachmaninoff*. The professional training acquired in the masterclasses she constantly participated in provided her with high-level musical training, thanks to teachers Klaus Schilde (Germany), Dmitri Bashkirov, Arkady Sevidov, Tatiana Pikaizen (Russia), Lory Wallfisch (USA), Gabriel Amiraș (Germany), Liana Șerbescu (Netherlands), Ulrich Koella (Switzerland). As a performer, she has a rich experience in chamber music and accompaniment, collaborating with prestigious artists from Romania and abroad, with whom she gave recitals with a varied stylistic repertoire. As a teacher, she participated in Erasmus's teaching and training activities (UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Bulgaria). Her students gained many first and second prizes at international and national competitions. In 2024, she obtained the Habilitation. She has been a member of the World Piano Teachers Association since 2013.