



Born in 1989 in Deva, **Alexandru Ștefan MURARIU** received his first music lessons at the age of 8. After graduating the „Sigismund Toduță” College in his hometown, he started studying composition with Prof. Adrian Pop at the „Gheorghe Dima” Music Academy in Cluj Napoca. Here, the rigorous stylistics school founded by Sigismund Toduță and continued by his followers have left a serious mark on his ascent. In 2012 he graduated the „Gheorghe Dima” Music Academy and advanced to the master’s degree in the same Institution. In present, he is researching the use of space as a musical parameter in a PhD thesis coordinated by Prof. Adrian Pop, an outstanding personality in contemporary music.

During his studies, Alexandru Ștefan Murariu took part in various Master Classes, conferences, and different manifestations with important composers like Manfred Stanhke, Jörg Widmann, Lase Thoresen, Roland Moser, Cornel Țăranu, Dan Dediu and Costin Miereanu.

In 2015 he won the „George Enescu” three month residence in Paris offered by the Romanian Cultural Institute and in July 2016 he studied at the Fontainebleau Schools with Isabelle Duha (Harmony) Allain Gaussin and François Paris (Composition).

Since 2016 he is a member of the Romanian Composers and Musicologists Union.

In his recent past, Alexandru Murariu attended several composition contests earning important national and international awards like the PRIX DE COMPOSITION a la memoire de Nadia Boulanger (2016), the 1st Prize at the „Sigismund Toduță” international composition contest in 2015, the „George Enescu” Prize for chamber music in 2014, the Grand Prize at the „Liviu Comes” Composition Contest in 2012, the 2nd Prize at the „Ștefan Niculescu” Composition Contest, 2nd Prize at the „Alexandru Zirra” composition contest, the 1st Prize at the “Liviu Comes”Composition Contest and the 1st Prize at the National Contemporary Analysis Contest in 2013.

His work consists in chamber, orchestral and choir music, some of which are published and are regularly performed by several romanian soloists, choirs and ensembles from Romania, France, Germany and Scotland.
