



Răzvan Dragnea

Răzvan Dragnea was born in 1979 and began his musical career at the age of 12, performing Mozart's Piano Concerto in C Major, KV 467 with the National Radio Orchestra. He graduated from the National University of Music in Bucharest and, during his studies, performed many concerts alongside the most prestigious orchestras in the country. He participated in numerous tours in South Africa, Japan, Hungary, Germany, France, Italy, and Portugal.

In 2001, Dragnea completed a master's degree under Professor Klaus Hellvig through a DADD scholarship in Stuttgart. The Romanian pianist was a semifinalist in the International Piano Competition in Pretoria, South Africa, in 2000,

won a silver medal at the International Piano Competition in Porto in 2002, and the following year received third prize at the Lory Walfish International Piano Competition as well as at the George Enescu International Piano Competition. In 2006, he was awarded the Interpretation Prize at the China Shenzhen International Piano Concerto Competition.

As a chamber music performer, Dragnea has played alongside soprano Mariana Nicolesco and violinist George Cosmin Bănică in several recitals. He and Bănică recorded a CD in Japan in 2000 at the Kyoto International Youth Festival. The same artists, along with cellist Laura Buruiană, won the Grand Prize at the International Chamber Music Competition held in Bucharest in the spring of 2002.

Starting his career at a very young age, he was able to build a vast and extremely challenging repertoire, much to the delight of audiences at his competitions, concerts, and recitals. Dragnea commands complete sets such as Chopin's Etudes, Prokofiev's Sonatas, Rachmaninoff's Op. 39 Etudes, Schumann's Carnaval, Kreisleriana, and Toccata, Beethoven's Sonatas 106 and 111 and the Eroica Variations, Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Liszt's studies, the Sonata in B-flat, the Dante Sonata, as well as Enescu's Suite Op. 10