

Curriculum vitae

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Education

B.A. First Class Honors in Jazz Performance- vocals, Newpark Music Centre, Dublin 2015

B.A. In Classical Music Performance - cello - highest mark 100 out of 100 Bucharest University of Music, Romania 2011

Employment Record

Dublin City University - Jazz lecturer, director of Jazz Choir- since 2017

Newpark Music Centre, Dublin – 2015 - 2016

Olympus Music Academy, Dublin – 2015 - 2016

Musicantia, Dublin – 2013 - 2014

Recordings

PERSON I KNEW – Aleka 2019 (Eric Ineke – drums, Michael Buckley – sax, Ronan Guilfoyle – bass, Chris Guifoyle - guitar)

SHAMAT – Ruba Shamshoum 2017

ALEKA – E.P. 2016 EM Records

DO OUTRO LADO – Carlinhoz Cruz 2015

POST SCRIPTUM – Tiarra 2008

FILM “Youth Without Youth” soundtrack, Francis Ford Coppola 2007

LIVE DVD – Charity Concert Mia’s Children 2005

Projects, Festivals

Oxygen Thief feat. Aleka – LIMERIC JAZZ FESTIVAL 2020

Ronan Guifoyle's Tudo Bem – CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL, 2019

Ronan Guifoyle's Tudo Bem – Signal Series, IMC presents, 2019
Oxygen Thief feat. Aleka – Signal Series, IMC presents, 2019
Aleka – BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL, Harbour Bar, 2019
Ronan Guilfoyle's Khanda – ANAM FESTIVAL, 2019
Aleka – 'Person I knew' Album Launch – Arthur's Club, 2019
Claritas – a tribute to Sheamus Heany – Vintage Room the Workmans, 2019
Aleka Sings Nina Simone – The Sofa Session Kilkenny, 2019
The Plot – The New Theatre – February 2019
Aleka & Derek White – Nina Simone 'Just like a woman', The Vintage Room 2019
Aleka – Romania 100 years Celebration – The Bello Bar – IMC supports 2018
Aleka – Bossa Pra Gilberto, Arthur's Club 2018
Spike Cello Fest – Cello Voce – The Workman's 2018
Aleka - Wood Quay Summer Sessions – presented by Dublin City Council and IMC
Ruba Shamshoum's Shamat – Arabic International Language Day, Chester Beatty
Library – 2017
Ruba Shamshoum's Shamat – BELAFEESH – Aaman, Jordan – 2017
Ruba Shamshoum's Shamat – Bray Jazz Festival – 2017
Tommy Halferty's 7 Steps to Albert Camus Project – 2017
Bucharest Radio Big Band, The Radio Hall Bucharest – 2016
Aleka E.P. Launch – The Green Hours, Bucharest – 2016
Aleka E.P. Launch – Bello Bar, Dublin – 2016
Ruba Shamshoum Group – Pal in and out fest, Haifa, Israel – 2016
The Newpark Fest, NCH, The Kevn Barry Room, Dublin – 2015
First Cello - Storm Port Sinfonia – Cork, Ireland 2013
Cello Tutti - Young Euro Classics Festival - Konzerthaus, Berlin, Germany – 2012
Cello Tutti - George Enescu Festival – The Palace Hall Romanian Youth Orchestra,
Bucharest – 2011
Cello Tutti - George Enescu Festival and World Music - Casino Hall- Sinaia,
Romania – 2011
Cello Tutti - National Radio Orchestra – Bucharest, Romania - 2010
Chamber Music - Sonoro Festival , Arcub, Bucharest, Romania – 2010
Chamber Music - Sonoro Festival, the Czech Institute, Bucharest, Romania – 2009
Chamber Music - Sonoro Festival Auditorium Hall, Bucharest, Romania – 2008
Cello Tutti - Camerata Lanto Arte – Bucharest, Romania 2008 – 2013

Cello Tutti - Romanian Youth Orchestra – Bucharest, Romania 2008 – 2013

Cello Tutti - George Enescu Philharmonic – Bucharest, Romania 2009

Cello Tutti - Chamber Radio Orchestra – Bucharest, Romania 2009- 2011

Competitions and Awards:

2011 - 2nd Prize, Mihail Jora Interpretational Music Competition – Bucharest

- 2nd Prize, Giuleanu Chamber Music Competition - Bucharest

2010 - Participation at “ The Way to Celebrity” Jazz Competition - Mogosoaia

2007 - 2nd Prize, Mihail Jora National Competition - Bucharest

- 1st Prize, National Music Olympics

- 3rd Prize, National Music Olympics

2005 - 2nd Prize, National Music Olympics, cello

- 1st Prize, Music Olympics, city division, cello

- 1st Prize, Timotei Popovici National Music Competition, cello – Sibiu

- 1st Prize , George Georgescu International Music Competition, cello -Tulcea

2004 - 1st Prize, National Music Olympics

- 1st Prize, Timotei Popovici National Competition of Music – Sibiu

- 3rd Prize, George Georgescu International Competition of Performing, cello - Tulcea

- 2nd Prize, Mihail Jora National Competition of Performig, cello, Bucharest

2003 - 2nd Prize, Music Olympics, city division, Bucharest

2002 -1st Prize, Music Olympics, city division, Bucharest

- 2nd Prize, W.A.Mozart Competition, cello - Targoviste

2001 - Mention, Music Olympics, city division, Bucharest

- 4th Prize, Remember Enescu Competition, Bucharest

2000 -1st Prize, Music Olympics, city division, Bucharest

1999 - Mention, Carl Czerny Competition – Timisoara (piano section)

1996 - Mention, J.S.Bach Competition – Cluj (piano section)

Masterclasses:

2012 - Sonoro Interfererences Workshop-Cetate, Romania- Maestros: Razvan Popovici, Reto Bieri

- Romanian Youth Orchestra – masterclass, conductor Cristian Mandeal- Sinaia

2011 - Romanian Youth Orchestra – masterclass, conductor Cristian Mandeal-Sinaia

- Jazz Masterclass- Bassano del Grappa - professors of New School of Jazz and Contemporary Music- Amy London, Rory Stuart

2010 - Sonoro Interferences Workshop - Montepulciano, Italia – Maestros: Diana Ketler, Razvan Popovici, Natalia Lomeiko, Erich Oskar Huetter.

- International School of Contemporary Art – jazz – Sorin Romanescu, Mircea Tiberian

- Jazz and Improvising Music Camp – Sfantul Gheorghe- maestros-Elsa Valle, Winand Gabor

- Romanian Youth Orchestra – orchestra masterclass, conductor Cristian Mandeal-Sinaia - Sonoro Interferences Workshop – Cetate, Romania- Maestros: Razvan Popovici, Corine de Chapelle

2009 - Sonoro Interferences Workshop - Cetate, Romania- Maestros: Diana Ketler, Alexander Sitkovetsky, Razvan Popovici, Bernhard Naoki Hedenborg, Reto Bieri

- Sonoro Interferences Workshop - Montepulciano, Italia – Maestros: Alexander Sitkovetsky, Diana Ketler, Razvan Popovici, David Cohen

- International School of Contemporary Art – jazz – Sorin Romanescu, Mircea Tiberian

- Romanian Youth Orchestra – orchestra masterclass, conductor Cristian Mandeal

2008 - Sonoro Interferences Masterclasses, Cetate, Romania - Maestros: Diana Ketler, Alexander Sitkovetsky, Razvan Popovici, Bernhard Naoki Hedenborg

2007 - Contemporary Music Masterclass, cinadie - Adrian Mantu – Ireland

2006 - Cello Masterclass - Prof Marin Cazacu, Sinaia

- Cello Masterclass - Ch. Pantillon, Sighisoara

- Chamber Music Masterclass - Romanian Piano Trio- Maestros: Alexandru Tomescu, Razvan Suma, Horia Mihail

2005 - Cello Masterclass - Prof. Marin Cazacu, Olanesti-Valcea

TV-Shows performances:

2010, 2011, 2012- Garantat 100% - TVR1, TVRInternational

2009- Va amintiti duminica- Antena 1

2005 - Ora melomanului - TVRM

2004 - Ora melomanului, TVRM, Ora fara catalog, TVR2

Radio broad-castings:Radio Muzical, Radio France International, RTE 1