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# From Kleyzmer to Maestro

Jewish musicians in the cultural life of Bessarabia and Moldova.

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## Professional Musicians of Jewish origin in Bessarabia

- East European Jewish music prior to 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Opening of conservatory training to Jewish students in Europe
- Professional musical education in Bessarabia in 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Organization of first private music schools in Bessarabia
- Opening of College of Secondary Music as a branch of Russian Musical Society (RMS) in Kishinev
- First public concerts of students and teachers of music schools organized in Kishinev

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3) Этюдъ исп. уч-ца (мл. кур.) Э. Краснянская — кл	. фор-но К. Г. Спитта
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5) a) Grande marche b) Marche militaire исп. уч-цы (сред. кур.) Л. Вейрихъ и клас. фор-	. Шуберта Э. Лифшицъ — но К. Р. Вейриха.
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#### ПРОГРАММА:

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### Отдъленіе ІІ-е.

- 8) a) Caro mio ben Giordani
  b) Rinaldo Lascia pianga Hendel
  иси. уч-ца Е. Неручева (контральто),
  поступила въ Сентябръ 1909 г. но влассу солън. пъню А. Х. Дасконци.
- 9) Полонезъ A-dur . . . Венявскаго. иси. Г-иъ І. Дайлисъ, окончив. по классу скрипки І. М. Финкеля.
- 10) Marche militaire Schubert-Taussig исп. Г-жа Е. Глазеръ, окончив. по классу фор-но К Р Вейриха.
- 11) а) "Јопсеluп", романсъ . G о d а г
  b) "Сни малютка" . . Гречанинова.
  исн. уч-ца Е. Каназирская (сопрано),
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Типографія Г Ю. Волина, Кишиневъ

- Jewish families and musical education
- Jews becoming a major wave of classical music professionals
- Musical education during Romanian period 1918-1940
- Opening of the Kishinev State Conservatory
- Passing the baton



Teachers of conservatory "Unirea"



### Kishinev State Conservatory

## losif Daylis

- Iosif Lvovich Daylis Violinist, conductor, and teacher
- Born in 1893 in Kishinev
- Studied violin since 1902 at Russian Musical Society with V.Salin, M. Serbulov, and I. Finkel
- 1913 1917 Brussels Conservatory
  - (class of C. Tompson) and
  - Geneva Conservatory (class of H. Herman)
- 1917 Graduated from Geneva Conservatory with "Diploma of a Virtuoso"
- 1918 Return to Kishinev



- 1919 1926 Worked as violinist and conductor in Kishinev and Iasi
- 1926 1940 Concertmaster of the Bucharest Opera Orchestra



National Theater in Bucharest where Opera performed till 1944

- 1926 1940 Solo performances on radio, member of the string quartet
- 1930 1940 Orchestra Symfonietta
- 1930 1940 Professor at a private

### conservatory

DUMINICĂ 13 IANUARIE 1929 - CONCERT -ASOCIAȚIUNEA MUZICALĂ ROMÂNĂ LA "CASA FEMEII" PLAIUL IMPRIMERIEI, 2 CU BINEVOITORUL CONCURS AL D-REI ALICE NICOLAESCU (CANTO) AL MAESTRULUI GEORGES BOSKOFF (PIAN) SI AL D-LOR A. THEODORESCU, I. DAILIS, TH. POPOVICI ȘI I. THALER DIN "ASOCIAȚIA DE MUZICĂ DE CAMERĂ" PROGRAM: 1. Cl. Debussy Quartet sol minor (4 parți) 11. Schubert Die Forelle Duparc Invitation au Voyage Codrule Codrutule Juarez Movilă 111. Bach (transcripțiune de Boskoff) Preludiu si Fuga Nocturnă 2 valsuri Chopin 2 mazurci 2 etude Albeniz Sevilla Debussy La Cathédrale engloutie Fauré Nocturnă Variațiuni după tema Boskoff Ah, vous dirai-je, maman" "Caprice Viennois"

Prun Alex Rodin



Sergiu Comissiona and Aleksandr Daylis St. Paul, MN 1995

- 1940 1941 Kishinev State Conservatory
- 1941 Daylis was evacuated to Sverdlovsk
  - 1941 1940 Sverdlovsk Symphony orchestra
- 1941 1944 Teacher at Sverdlovsk music
   school
- 1944 Return to Kishinev



### Daylis Family 1944



Handmade card from teachers of Sverdlovsk music school

- 1944 1953 head of the string department in the Kishinev State Conservatory
- 1946 1961 participated in chamber music concerts at the Philharmonic, the conservatory and on the radio
- 1953 1968 professor at Kishinev State Conservatory
- 1968 retired
- 1984 passed away in Kishinev





Iosif Daylis with his former students October 6, 1968

## Isaac Bain

- Isaac Borisovich Bain Romanian and Soviet conductor.
- Born in Kishinev in 1896
- Studied piano from 1904 with Klara Shlesinger
- Music and Drama Academy in Vienna 1912-1915 with Paul de Kan
- First World War at the front, shell-shocked.
- Concert pianist, conductor at private opera in Kishinev (1918-1924)
- Conductor of the Bucharest Opera House, organist of the Bucharest Choral Synagogue 1924 - 1940





Isaac Bain (second left)after performance at Bucharest Opera





Playbill of Bucharest Opera production

Bucharest Choral Synagogue

- 1942 Isaac Bain joined Stanislavsky Opera and Drama Studio as a conductor and later as a chief conductor
- 1948 -1963 Conductor of the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Moscow Academic Musical Theater. Multiple productions including:"The Beautiful Elena" by F. Offenbach, "The Stone Flower" by K. V. Molchanov (1950), "Bocaccio" by F. Zuppe (1957), "Tosca" by G. Puccinni (1959).



Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Moscow Academic Musical Theater

- 1963 one of the founders, and chief conductor of the People's Opera Theater at the Moscow House of Culture of Railway workers. In charge of many opera productions such as "Rigoletto" and "Otello" by G. Verdi, "The queen of Spades" by P. Tchaikovsky, "Pagliacci" by R. Leoncavallo
- Died in 1990 in Moscow

## Gita (Gitl) Strakhilevich

- Gita Strakhilevich was born in Kishinev in 1915
- Studied piano with Naum Isaakovich Vilik, a student of Leopold Auer.
- Graduated from the gymnasium (lyceum)
   "Princesses Dadiani" and Received her bachelor's degree in 1934



- In 1934-1936 she studied at the Chisinau Conservatory "Unirea" with Antonina Mikhailovna Stadnitskaya
- 1936-1940 student at the Royal Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in Bucharest, piano class of Florica Musicesku
- 1938 participated in chamber music concert as a partner to George Enescu.





Conservatorul Național de Muzica și Arta Dramatică

#### SALA EPARHIALA

I-a Audițiune Sâmbătă 18 Noembrie 1933 va avea loc un

### **Concert** de Piano

executat de Eleva Conservatorului

G. STRAHILEVICI cl. de pian prof. A. M. Stadnijcala-Andrunachievici

#### PROGRAM

#### PARTEA I-a.

BACH-LISZT. Orgel-Fantasie und Fuge în G-moll
 BRAHMS-HÄNDEL. Variationen und Fuge.

#### PARTEA II-a.

3) CHOPIN. Sonate B-moll

 a) Grave
 b) Scherzo
 c) Marche funèbre
 d) Final.

#### PARTEA III-a.

4) CHOPIN { a) Berceuse Des dur b) Barcarolle Fis dur

5) RACHMANINOFF { a) Prelude Gis moll b) Polka c) Cupenti-Romance

6) SCRIABINE { a) Etude No. 11 b) Etude Patetico No. 12.

Inceputul la ora 8 seara.

Tipegrafia S. MUNTEANU, Chişinâu.

- 1940 41 soloist of the Kishinev Philharmonic
- 1941 44 performed at the fronts with the "Doina" ensemble
- 1944 48 headed the music department of the Moldovan State Philharmonic
- From 1944 worked at the Kishinev Conservatory as an accompanist
- 1953 81 soloist of the Moldovan Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee, where she led her own broadcast program "At the piano Gita Strakhilevich"
  - First interpreter of multiple works written by contemporary Moldovan composers Zlata Tkach, Gheorghe Georgica, Vasile Zagorski, Pavel Rivilis, Arkady Luxemburg, David Fedov and others.



### Moldovan State Philharmonic

- 1967 Gita Strakhilevich received a title Honored Artist of the Moldavian SSR
- 1995 awarded the Meritul Civic Medal
- 1996 awarded the Order of the Republic (Ordinul Republicii) of the Republic of Moldova
- Died in 2002 in Chisinau, Moldova



## Garry Shirman

- Huna Aronovich Shirman was born in 1919 in Kishinev
- 1925 1931 studied violin at the Kishinev Imperial Music College
- 1932 1936 studied at the Kishinev
   Conservatory "Uniria" in the class of
   clarinet and in the class of violin
   with M. Pester



- 1936 moved with his parents and sisters to Bucharest
- 1936 1937 worked as a violinist in the orchestra of Peter Leshchenko and other swing groups
- 1937 1939 performed as saxophone player at the restaurant "Vulturul Negru"in Chernivtsi
- 1939 1940 played violin, clarinet, and saxopone in the restaurants "Pelican" and "Colorado" in Bucharest



Orchestra at the restaurant "Vulturul Negru"in Chernivtsi 1937

- 1940 returned to Kishinev
- 1941 evacuated with his family to the city of Kokand in Uzbekistan
- 1942 joined the Moldovan jazz music orchestra ("Moldgosjazz") under the direction of Shiko Aranov
- 1942 1944 with the orchestra performed on many fronts entertaining soldiers, sailors, and aviators.
- 1942 1944 "Moldgosjazz" gave concerts in many cities of Ural, Siberia, Far East, and Northern parts of Russia.
- 1944 "Moldgosjazz" returned to Kishinev
- 1948 "Moldgosjazz" orchestra was disbanded.
- 1948 1953 student of the Kishinev State Conservatory, where he studied in the violin class of Professor Iosif Daylis.
- 1953 -1954 performed as a violinist with the Moldovan State Symphony Orchestra conducted by B. Milutin, and T. Gurtovoy

- 1956 Moldovan State Jazz Orchestra restored under the direction of Shiko Aranov (later Bukuria orchestra)
- 1956 1964 Garry Shirman worked as soloist and music director of the Bukuria orchestra and in 1962-1964 he also led the orchestra.

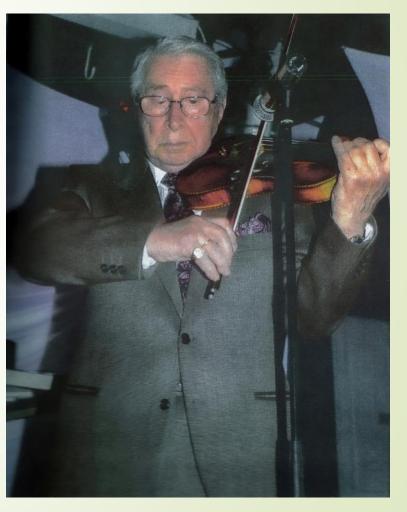




Shiko Aranov



- 1964 1966 soloist of the pop Symphony Orchestra of the Radio Committee of Moldova under the direction of Shiko Aranov
- Since 1966 performed with different jazz and pop orchestras was the head of the pop orchestra of the Kishinev Polytechnic Institute
- 1991 Garry Shirman emigrated to the USA and till his death in 2017 lived in Brooklyn, New York



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