

## BIOGRAPHY

**Predrag Jankovic-** born in 1976 in Podgorica. He finished a primary music school in Podgorica (in the class of Professor Anka Malikovic), where he started secondary music education. He finished the Music High School “Dr Miloje Milojevic” in Kragujevac (Serbia) in the class of Professors Jelena Grebovic and Radomir Tomic. He studied the Accordion at the “Odessa National A. V. Nezhdanova Academy of Music” in Ukraine. In 1999 he graduated in the class of Professor Vladimir Murza with the average grade of 10. In 2002 he finished Master's studies of accordion in the class of Professor Pavel Fenjuk at the “P.I.Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine” in Kiev.

Since 2003 he has been working as the Associate Professor at the Academy of Music in Cetinje, University of Montenegro. Also, from year 2000 until 2008 he worked as the accordion teacher at the Art school for music and ballet "Vasa Pavic" in Podgorica. His students are the winners of many international accordion competitions. In 2018 within the reform of education for lower music schools together with his colleague he wrote a new program for accordion, which was adopted and accredited by the Ministry of Education of Montenegro. Also, in 2018 in cooperation with the Art school for music and ballet "Vasa Pavic" he organized and coordinated the Master class for students and Seminar for teachers which was accredited at the Institute for Education of the Republic of Montenegro. He was a member of the negotiating group number 25 for Science and Research.

He is the laureate of numerous prizes and awards – The First Special prize at the National competition in Podgorica (1993) with the maximum number of points (100), the First prize in the category of duos at the National competition in Podgorica (1994). One of the most significant international awards is the First place and special prize *Grand Prix* at the International competition “Baltic Accordion” in St. Petersburg (1999). At the international musical festival "Music of Humans" held in 2001 in the Ukrainian city of Zaporizhia, he was voted by the audience survey for the participant with the most expressive virtuosity. He performed solo as well as with various chamber ensembles and string orchestras at Montenegro and abroad (Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Slovakia, Austria, France, Netherlands, Finland, Denmark, Italy, Spain and Portugal). In July 2012 he performed at concert with jazz band “River” during the cultural program of Olympic Games in London.

He recorded the first CD of classical music for the accordion in Montenegro „Virtuous accordion”. Beside the numerous performances at concert stages throughout Europe and the world, he has performed at the most important music festivals in Montenegro: “KotorArt”, “A-Tempo”, “Barski ljetopis”, “Espresso”.

He is a jury member at the most prestigious competitions for accordion such as “World trophy”, “World Cup” and “International encounter of Accordionists” in Pula (Croatia). He is a Delegate of Montenegro at the "World Confederation of Accordion (CMA)", and within the National Association of Accordions of Montenegro, which he is one of the founders, is a member of the "International Confederation of Accordionists (CIA)".

He is the founder and director of the first international music festival for classical accordion in Montenegro “Harmonika Fest” which has been held continuously since 2010, featuring the most prominent world artists on the accordion.

Currently, in addition to pedagogical work, he is active as a concert performer (solo and in duo (accordion-violin)) and a lecturer at master workshops within the accordion festivals throughout Europe and the world.