

Desar Sulejmani
 Artistic Director

WESTERN BALKANS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Summer 2023 Concert Tour

29 July 2023, 9 pm
 Roman Amphitheatre
 Durrës, Albania

With works for full symphonic orchestra by Brahms, Kodaly, Khachaturian, Shostakovich and awarded young composers from the Western Balkans region.



EVENT SPONSORS:



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:



ON-SITE SUPPORTERS:



MEDIA PARTNERS:

RTK RTSH Top Channel 24News Euronews Albania
 Deutsche Welle Gazeta Sot Gazeta Shqiptare DurrësiLajm





JOHANNES BRAHMS (1833 – 1897)

Hungarian Dance No. 1 (G Minor) & No. 6 (D Major)

ZOLTÁN KODÁLY (1882 – 1967)

Dances of Galánta

ARAM ILITCH KHACHATURIAN (1903 – 1978)

DANCING WITH KHACHATURIAN

Orchestra suite from the ballets *Gayaneh* &
Spartakus & drama music *Masquerade*
(Selected by *Desar Sulejmani*)

Waltz from the Suite for Orchestra on drama music *Masquerade*

Sabre dance from the 3rd Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Gayaneh*

Dance of the Rose Maidens from the 1st Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Gayaneh*

Noun's Dance from the 2nd Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Gayaneh*

Scene of Ayshe & Armen from the ballet music *Gayaneh*

Dance of Crassus from the ballet *Spartacus*

Scene und Dance with Crotalums from the 1st Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Spartacus*

Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia from the 2nd Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Spartacus*

Aeginas Dance from the 1st Suite for Orchestra on the ballet music *Spartacus*

New Composition (to be added)

ARTURO MÀRQUEZ (*1950)

Danzon No. 2



Orchestra Members



FIRST VIOLINS

Kristina BOJIĆ (SRB), Aleksander GRUNCHEVSKI (NMK), Fjollë KOXHA (KS), Eugenia KRISTANI (AL), Kristi MANECI (AL), Sofija MARKOVIĆ (MNE), Elfrida MEMA (AL), Tijana NIKOLIĆ* (SRB), Anamaria PRENDI (AL), Anja UDOVČIĆ (BiH)

SECOND VIOLINS

Evelyn ERBES (DE), Pamela GLLOGA, (AL), Uros KOČIŠEVIĆ (SRB), David PLAVSIĆ (DE), Ilza REKA (AL), Kristina ROKVIĆ* (BiH), Najada SULOLLARI (AL), David TURHANI (AL)

VIOLAS

Kamilyem ABAIDULLAEVA* (TR), Alkesta GLLOGJANI (KS), Jamie HUTTERER (DE), Leona KONDRATENKO (NMK), Viktor MANEV (NMK), Nerina PAJIĆ (BiH), Marija VAITKUTĖ (LT)

VIOLONCELLOS

Endrit BERISHA (KS), Poema DYHLASI (KS), DUNJA GAVRILOVIĆ (SRB), Marigona KOMANI (KS), Ema NIKOLIĆ (HR), Lea REUTLINGER* (DE)

DOUBLE BASSES

Luka BAŠTANIN (SRB), Anna Leonie BECKER (DE), Viktor MINIĆ (SRB), Mihailo PEŠUT (MNE)

FLUTES

Hysnije LATIFAJ (KS), Bogdana MEDENICA (SRB), Rezeda VALEEVA, (RU)

OBOES

Nina BRAJKOVIĆ (SRB), Hipólito Mompeán PÉREZ (ES)

CLARINETS

Timur MURATOVIĆ (BiH), Đorđe POPOVIĆ (SRB)

BASSONS

Lennart HANSEN (DE), Gjeorgi KALAJDJIEV (NMK)

HORNS

Oriol GÓMEZ SIERRA (ES), Dunja MILJKOVIĆ (SRB), Doris RAČIĆ (MNE), Fedor ROGIN (RU), Nikola TERZISKI (NMK)

TRUMPETS

Andrea CAVALLO (IT), Natale GULOTTA (IT), Malte Lindner (DE), Ognjen MILENKOVIĆ (SRB)

TROMBONES

Andrej ALILOVIĆ (SRB), Viktor BOGOEVSKI (NMK), Seida KUČEVIĆ (MNE), Jonathan SAUERBREI (DE)

TUBA

Federico Guglielmo FICIUR (IT)

PERCUSSION

Raffael Hahn (DE), Maximilian Kilchert (DE), Adesa Kupa (KS), Thomas STOIBER (DE), Zorica ZDRAJKOVIKJ (NMK)

HARP

Bujana AMETI, Belgium

PIANO

Nikol TUKA (AL)

ASSISTANT TO ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

Fuad ŠETIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina





ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA AND THE PROJECT

WBYO Accelerando is an EU-supported project to advance the Western Balkans Youth Orchestra (WBYO) development.

The Western Balkans Youth Orchestra (WBYO) is a groundbreaking initiative establishing an orchestra of young professionals from the entire Western Balkans. The Orchestra was founded in 2019 by Desar Sulejmani, the Albanian born German Conductor, Pianist and Visionary.

His idea behind the orchestra is to unite the region's youth, breaking down barriers and fostering long-lasting peace, featuring genres from classical to pop and rock music.

The platform for young musicians will work across national, ethnic, religious, and cultural divides, contributing to ongoing cross-border and interethnic cooperation.

For the summer project 2023, called "WB Go Dance" we opened the rows for musicians from 15 different countries.

There are musicians from the 6 non-EU Western Balkan countries, their neighboring countries and member states of the EU

Underneath Albania, Belgium, BiH, Croatia, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Kosovo, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Spain and Turkey.

WBYO presents the region's favorite dances, in combination with well-known dances by Brahms, Kodaly, Khachaturian and Shostakovich: Favorite (folk) dances from Albania, BiH Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia will be arranged by young composers/arrangers from the region as part of the **First Open Call for Composition**.

After a two weeks preparation phase in Durrës, the symphonic orchestra with 65 young, talented musicians will give concerts in the following Cities:

- 29.07.2023 Durrës, Albania
- 31.07.2023 Tetovo, North Macedonia
- 01.08.2023 Pristina, Kosovo*
- 04.08.2023 Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- 06.08.2023 Kotor, Montenegro
- 08.08.2023 Novi Sad & Belgrade, Serbia
- 12./14.08.2023 Berlin & Essen, Germany

Follow us on

www.wbyo-accelerando.org, www.wbyo.org, IG: [wbyorchester](https://www.instagram.com/wbyorchester)

