

## **Marianatalia Ruscica - Violinist**

Marianatalia Ruscica started studying violin under the tuition of Master Lina Uinskyte. In 2012 she earned her Violin Diploma, followed by a post-graduate degree with honours in violin teaching in 2015. The next year she obtained a qualification as violin teacher at the Istituto Musicale "V.Bellini" in Catania. In 2017 Marianatalia went on to achieve a further second level Academic Diploma with honours in Musical Disciplines and Violin Interpretation and Composition.

She has been first violin for various orchestras, including: the Orchestra Giovanile Sinfonica Sicilliana, the Mediterranea Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra Belliniana, Luglio Musicale Trapanese Orchestra, Orchestra da Camera Naumachia, Orchestra Filarmonica di San Nicolò, Orchestra da Camera l'Ensemble, Orchestra Filarmonica O.S.N. Mascalucia', the Orchestra Giovanile dell'Istituto Musical V.Bellini and the 'Amadeus Orchestra' in United Kingdom. She has also been lieder violin for the 'Shine Orchestra'.

Whilst playing with these orchestras, Marianatalia had the opportunity to play with famous international artists such as Paul Badura Skoda, Franco Battiato, Danilo Rea, Anne Ducros, Ivo Pogorelich and Valentina Lisitsa, and also had the chance to work with well-known orchestra leaders such as John Neschling, Janos Acs, Joachim Jousse and Marco Balderi.

Marianatalia has also performed for the broadcasting service "Antenna Sicilia", "TeleD", "Globus Television" in Italy and for "BBC Radio Merseyside", "Made in Liverpool Tv", "Colors Television", "Sandgrunder Radio" in England. In 2012, she was a member of the orchestra for the musical "Casanova in 3D".

In order to practise and complete her knowledge in violin techniques, Marianatalia attended various advanced violin courses with the tuition of renowned violinists such as Sergey Girshenko, Mikhail Kopelman, Chris Duindam and Maurizio Sciarretta. She also attended the "Educazione Musicale Audiopercettiva ed Ear Training" course (musical education, perception and ear training), organised by the "Società Italiana per l'Educazione Musicale".

Marianatalia won various prizes for musical execution as solo musician and in chamber music groups, including 1<sup>st</sup> prize at the Giuseppe Ierna international competition in Floridia and in national competitions such as 'A.M.A. Calabria' in Lamezia Terme, 'Città di Palermo', 'Alfio Pulvirenti' in Comiso, 'Magna Grecia' in Gioiosa Ionica, 'European Competition city of Syracuse' and 'Placido Mandanici' in Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto.

After a public audition at the Garibaldi Theatre in Palermo, she earned the qualification and has been a member of the "Orchestra Giovanile Sinfonica Siciliana" as first violin.

Marianatalia has various concerts as solo musician to her credit, as well as many performances with chamber groups and as a solo violinist with orchestras in theatres, with cultural associations, at universities and at religious communities. From 2014, she toured England, Scotland and Wales as part of a duo with the guitarist Davide Sciacca, playing at prestigious venues.

In the years 2016 and 2017 she performed in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth the Second, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales Charles and the other members of the Royal Family.

In 2018 as part of the Ten Strings Duo she debuted in the United States performing for Culture Connection in New York City.

In 2015, Marianatalia taught violin in pre-academic courses at the conservatoire V. Bellini" in Caltanissetta.

Now she is currently teaching violin at the 'De Roberto' state school in Catania.