



Taha Abedian, a musician

Biography

Taha Abedian was born in Teheran, 1977. First music lesson at the Age of seven with Setar and shortly after that, he was accepted as the youngest student of Ostad Mahmoud Tadjbakhsh. From him he learned how to play Setar and the Iranian Art music, also the entire Radif of Moussa Maroufi until age of 17.

In 1989 he entered the Teheran Conservatory and chose to study Violin and Western classical music. A year after, he changed to Viola; his teachers were Mr. Teymour Pourtorab and Mr. Valodia Tarkanian (Armenian-Iranian violist, principal violist of the North Netherland Symphony Orchestra).

In 1994, he appeared as soloist with the Teheran Youth Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Prof. Thomas Christian David, who supported him to continue his studies in Vienna with Prof. Klaus Peisteiner (principal violist of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna String Quartet) at Conservatory.

He graduated in 2003 and in 2004 became Austrian Citizen based on his music activities (with the recommendation of the Austrian Cultural Ministry), such as 1st Prize of the International Viola Competition in 1996 in Murcia, Spain and in 1997, principal violist at the Symphony Orchestra of the Pacific Music Festival in Sapporo, Japan.

Since 2009, he started to work on his PhD and studies the development of the music in Iran after 1978, at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, Institute for Folk Music research and Ethnomusicology (Title: Aspects of the Music in Iran, Tradition and Innovation).

Taha Abedian is a musician and researcher based in Vienna, a.o. since 2000 free collaboration with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and State Opera Orchestra. He has performed as Orchestra musician with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in main concert halls worldwide (a.o. under the direction of legendary conductors such as Riccardo Muti, Pierre Boulez, Daniel Barenboim), as well as Chamber musician at Carnegie hall/Weill recital hall in new York with his Trio: ABEDIAN STRING TRIO.

Taha Abedian holds Master classes and education projects in Tokyo (andvision Ltd.), Teheran (Austrian Cultural Forum) and in Vienna (Upbow Summer Academy).

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