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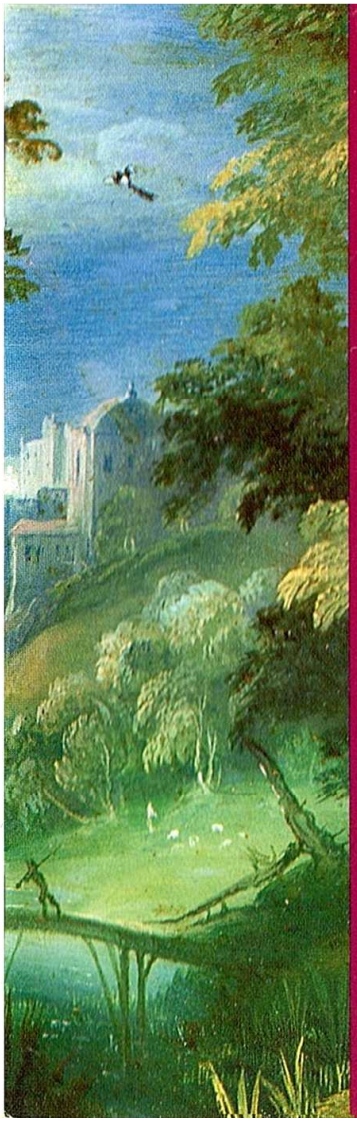
Gabriel Croitoru was born in Galatia in 1965, and began his musical studies at the Porumbescu Conservatoire in Bucarest. At the age of ten he appeared as soloist with the Galatian Orchestra in Mozart's "Adelaide" concerto. In 1978 he was awarded the Lyre d'Or at the International Competition in Suceava and in 1979 both first prize and the gold medal at the Wieniawski Competition. In 1980, and again the following year, he won first prize at the Rumanian International Music Competition ; also in 1980, he was awarded first prize at the International "Arts Handicraft" competition in Brasov. Each of the following three years brought him further successes : a silver medal from the International Paganini Competition (1982), a special prize awarded by the Kreisler Competition (1983), and the S.François Foundation - a special award from the Thibaud Competition (1984). In 1985 he won both second prize at the Tibor Varga Competition and third prize at the Paganini Competition.

Gabriel Croitoru gives numerous concerts - both as recitalist and as concerto soloist - as well broadcasting for Rumanian radio and television. He is a member of the Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra of Bucarest and is currently studying with Stefan Georghiu.



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1 Allegro Moderato (18'58) 2 Andante (Canzonetta) (7'00)
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PREMIER CONCERTO POUR VIOLON EN RE MAJEUR OP.6
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4 Allegro Maestoso (22'14) 5 Adagio (4'37)
6 Rondo (9'36)

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