

## Press Kit - Julius Aria Sahbai, violin

### **Biography**

Recognised as one of the virtuoso violinists of his generation, Julius Aria Sahbai has made his widely acclaimed debut at the 11<sup>th</sup> Eurovision Young Musicians Competition.

Since then, he is regularly invited to play in the music capitals of Europe, Asia and America.

Besides his activities as a soloist, Julius Aria Sahbai is deeply committed to sharing his musical knowledge with the next generation. He has already taught in various major academic institutions.

In Switzerland, he has a permanent performers class at Kantonsschule Heerbrugg (College).

### **Studies**

- Nora Chastain - Zurich University of Arts
- Ilya Gringolts - City of Basel Music Academy
- Jorg Hofmann - University of Music Freiburg i. Br.
- Gyorgy Pauk - Zurich University of Arts
- Daniel Sepec - City of Basel Music Academy
- Massimo Quarta - University of Music Lugano

### **Study Stays**

- Emanuel Borok - Dallas
- Boris Kuschnir - Wien
- Isaac Malkin - New York
- Igor Ozim - Bern
- Peter Rybar - Caslano

## **Masterclasses**

- Boris Belkin - Accademia Musicale Chigiana, Siena
- Boris Garlitsky - Académie Internationale d'Eté de Nice
- Valery Gradow - Ticino Musica
- Ida Haendel - Champs-sur-Marne, Paris
- Hrachya Harutyunian - Crescendo Violin School, Neustadt
- Valery Klimov - Mattheiser Summer Academy, Bad Sobernheim
- Mikhail Kopelman - Summer Music Festival, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Alberto Lysy - International Menuhin Music Academy, Blonay
- Adelina Oprean - Summer Academy Lenk
- Victor Pikayzen - Académie de Musique "Tibor Varga", Sion
- Gérard Poulet - Académie Internationale d'Eté de Nice
- Vadim Repin - Champs-sur-Marne, Paris
- Benjamin Schmid - Bern University of Arts

## **Academic Degrees**

- B.A. in Music, Major violin
- M.A. in Music Pedagogy, Major violin
- M.A. in Music Performance, Major violin
- M.A. in Music Pedagogy, Major "Schulmusik II"
- M.A. in Specialized Music Performance Soloist, Major violin

## **Competitions**

- Swiss Final 11th Eurovision Young Musicians Competition  
(European Broadcasting Union)
- 1st Prize 24th Swiss National Youth Competition Zurich (Final)
- 1st Prize 24th Swiss National Youth Competition Muttenz (Entrada)
- 1st Prize Kiwanis International Competition for Strings St. Gallen
- 2nd Prize 22nd Swiss National Sonata Competition Zurich (Final)
- 1st Prize 22nd Swiss National Sonata Competition Muttenz (Entrada)
- 2nd Prize 21st Swiss National Youth Competition Winterthur (Final)
- 1st Prize 21st Swiss National Youth Competition St. Gallen (Entrada)
- 1st Prize East Switzerland Violin Competition Junior Strings St. Gallen

## **Advancement Awards**

- Cultural Advancement Award of the Swiss Cultural Foundation, St. Gallen
- Cultural Advancement Award of the City of St. Gallen

## **Scholarships**

- Beneficiary of the foundation Hirschmann Zug
- Beneficiary of the foundation Lyra Zurich (Bank Vontobel)
- Beneficiary of the foundation Fritz Gerber for talented young musicians Zurich
- Beneficiary of the foundation Ruth und Ernst Burkhalter Zurich
- Beneficiary of the foundation "Musik und Jugend" Triesen

**He has performed as soloist with the following orchestras**

- Armenian String Virtuosi
- Amriswil Chamber Orchestra
- Neues Orchester Basel
- Czech Chamber Philharmonic
- North Czech Philharmonic Teplice
- Bohemian Festival Orchestra Most
- Bulgarian State Philharmonic
- Camerata Transsylvanica Budapest
- New Conservatory of Dallas Orchestra
- Gossau Orchestra
- Herisau Chamber Orchestra
- Lucerne Orchestra
- Most Chamber Orchestra
- Plzen Radio Symphony Orchestra
- Plovdiv Philharmonic Orchestra
- Rothenburg Symphony Orchestra
- Camerata Slovacca
- Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana
- Southwest German Philharmonic Orchestra
- St. Gallen Youth Sinfonietta
- St. Gallen University Orchestra
- Collegium Musicum Ostschweiz
- Tehran Chamber Orchestra "Noban"
- Sinfonietta Vorarlberg
- Zurich Symphony Orchestra