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*"Florin Răducanu is a strongly comping pianist with a decisive keyboard touch, great rhythmic flow and irrepressible playfulness and boundless energy that helps him to elevate the music and sometimes let him meander in long loops".*  
Henning Bolte, London Jazz News 2015

## BIOGRAPHY

Florin Raducanu graduated the Music Academy in Bucharest, took part in numerous national and international jazz festivals, met and played with important jazz musicians such as David Murray (SUA), Jorge Silvester (Afro-caribbean), Lee Pearsons (SUA), Jean-Louis Rassinfosse (Belgium), Eric Legnini (Italy), Celine Rudolph (Germany), Zahid Ahmad (Malaysia), Joseph Pruesner (SUA-Malaysia), Jasper Bloom (Holland), Ari Roland (SUA), John Mosa (SUA), Zaid Naser (SUA), Keith Balla (SUA) etc.

Over the years, he started and played in many projects, including his trio, sextet, big band and symphonic jazz orchestra, all of which performed his compositions and jazz standards. In 2007, he collaborated with the "Sibiu Philharmonic Orchestra", to produce a Third Stream project for his "Tribute to Mary Magdalene" and "Mapamond Pictures" compositions. He was composer, conductor and piano player for this symphonic jazz project and later in the same year, the "Romanian Chamber Radio Society" invited him to perform a concert with the "Radio Jazz Big band & Orchestra", which was broadcasted in 13 European countries.

So far, he plays on Jazz Friends – and

recorded eight albums: "Hermanstadt Jazz Town", "Back To Bach", "Florin Raducanu Beethoven, Chopin, Enescu on Jazz", "Revealing the Romanian Traditional Music "Florin Raducanu Jazz Orchestra in Enescu Festival 2009", "Florin Raducanu & Jazz Standard Mood from Vienna 2014", "Florin Raducanu Live Jazz Portret", "Romanian-Ukrainian Jazz Meeting at the Kiev Operetta Hall".

The Romanian Composers and Musicologists Union included his recordings on the albums series dedicated to jazz. He also recorded the first album with his young Romanian jazz students, "Young Jazz Musicians", on which he was composer, piano player, arranger and producer.

Raducanu played abroad in Europe and Asia. In May 2009, he was part of a Romanian-Dutch collaboration with saxophone player and Amsterdam professor Jasper Blom. In September 2009, Raducanu was invited to play classical jazz projects with his 16-musicians orchestra "Florin Raducanu & Classical Troubadures Orchestra"

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at the most important classical festival in Southeastern Europe, the “George Enescu International Festival”.

He was a part of the 2008 “Sibiu Jazz Festival” and the 2009 Akademy Seny (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) jazz masterclass. Some of his awards include the Muzza Foundation Prize for Jazz – 2004, the Prize for Jazz of “Cuvântul” magazine – 2005, the prize for Jazz arrangements of the “Romanian Radio Broadcasting Society” and the prize for Jazz Symphonic Composition of the Romanian Union of Composers and Musicologists – 2007.

In 2009 he won the Jazz musician of the year award in Romania.

In 2010 he presented his “Improvisations about music of the world” project at the famous Viennese jazz club “Porgy & Bess”, as well as in Graz city. His album “Florin Raducanu plays Beethoven, Chopin, Enescu on Jazz” is promoted on international jazz page : “Jazz Corner”, “Jazz Rewiew” from USA and “JazzWorldQuest” from Canada.

Raducanu’s album “Revealing the Romanian Traditional Music on Jazz” was Jazz Album of the Year 2011 in Romania.

In 2014 was invited in Kiev, Ukraine, to perform together with Ukrainian jazz musicians in Ednist Jazz Festival. The project was called Romanian –Ukrainian Jazz Meeting. On this occasion he was invited to give a masterclass for students from “P.I Ceaikovsky” Academy of Music from Kiev. Also in 30 April 2014 Florin Raducanu was invited to celebrate “Jazz Day” concert at Porgy & Bess Jazz Club from Vienna, Austria.

In 2015 he presented the world premiere of his Symphonic Jazz Poem in collaboration with the Belarusian Philharmonic Orchestra. The performance has been filmed by the Belarus national television and released on DVD.



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## PAST PERFORMANCES

- Bydgosky Jazz Festival, Poland, 1995
- Costinesti Jazz Festival, Romania, 1997
- Iasi Jazz Festival, Romania, 1998
- 1st edition of the International Musical Fair, Bucharest, 1999
- Napocensis Jazz Festival, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2000
- Bucharest Jazz Festival, Romania, 2002
- Sibiu Jazz Festival, Romania, with his sextet, special guest Tom Smith(SUA), 2004
- Bucharest jazz Festival, with Florin Raducanu Big-Band, 2004
- Symphonic Jazz Concert of Sibiu Philharmonic Orchestra at the Sibiu Jazz Festival as a composer, pianist and conductor, 2006
- Symphonic Jazz Concert broadcasted live in 13 European countries, 2007
- Swinging Jazz Fest, Vienna, 2007
- Malaysian tour (2008) including duo with Dalila Cernatescu at panflute produced by the Japanese "Soka Gakay Foundation", and concert with Joseph Pruesner-bass(USA) & Zahid Ahmad- drums(Malaysia) at the "No Black Tie Jazz Club", Kuala Lumpur
- George Enescu International Festival, Bucharest, Romania, with "Florin Raducanu & Classical Troubadours Orchestra", 2009
- Austrian shows with the "Improvisations about the music of the world" project in Vienna at the "Porgy & Bess" Jazz Club, and Graz, 2010
- Jam Session w Ari Roland Quartet/ Florin Raducanu-piano Ari Roland- d.bass John Mosca- trombone Zaid Naser- alto sax Keith Balla- drums, Bucharest 2010
- Dalila Cernatescu & Florin Raducanu Art Factory Jazz Ensemble / Târgoviște, Festivalul "Crizantema de aur", 2011  
Florin Raducanu & Latin Jazz Social Club, Bucharest
- ArtJazz Club and Green Hours , Bucharest, 2011
- EDNIST Festival and Masterclass, Kiev, Ukraine, 2014
- Porgy & Bess Jazz Club, Viena, Austria, International Jazz Day, 2014
- Concert at Sala Radio, Bucharest, Romania, 2014
- Concert during the Bucharest Jazz Festival 2015
- Masonic Concerts, Christmas Jazz with Florin Raducanu, December 2015
- Izmir Jazz Festival, Florin Raducanu Jazz Balance, March, 2016
- World premiere of the symphonic jazz poem "Jazz Ecumenica", Minsk, Belarus, April 2016
- Florin Raducanu Trio: concerts in Bruxelles, Belgium at the Jazz Station and The Music Village, May 2017
- Tribute to John Coltrane at the Jaffa Jazz Festival Israel, September 2017

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## MASTERCLASSES

- 2008 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - Masterclass for the Akademy Seny students
- 2014 - Kiev, Ukraine - Masterclass for the P.I. Tchaikovsky Music University students
- 2016 - Minsk, Belarus - Masterclass for the National Music University students

## COLLABORATIONS

David Murray (USA), Jorge Silvester, Lee Pearsons (USA), Jean-Louis Rassinfosse (Belgium), Eric Legnini (Italy), Celline Rudolph (Germany), Zahid Ahmad (Malaysia), Joseph Pruesner (USA/Malaysia), Jasper Blom (Netherlands), Ari Roland (USA), Herwig Gradisching (Austria), Jari Perkiomaki (Finland), Daniel Rotem (Israel/SUA), Tal Gamlieli (Israel), Roy Oliel (Israel), Idan Walish (Israel), Paolo Morello (Germany/Brasil) and the great Billy Cobham

## AWARDS

- 3rd prize at the "Ciprian Porumbescu" Piano contest, Bucharest, 1982
- 1st prize at the Napocensis Jazz Festival, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2000
- Laureate of the Music Festival "Hoeillaart", Belgium 2003
- National Radio Broadcast Society Award for Composition, 2004
- Muzza Foundation Prize for Jazz, 2004
- "Best in Jazz" awarded by the Romanian cultural magazine "Cuvantul", 2005
- Prize for Jazz Symphonic Composition of the Romanian Union of Composers and Musicologists, 2007
- Romanian Jazz musician of the year, 2009
- Muzza Foundation : "Revealing the Romanian Traditional Music on Jazz" – Album of the year, 2011

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## DISCOGRAPHY



**Florin Raducanu & Guests:**  
**Hermannstadt Jazz Town**  
Live from the Sibiu Jazz Festival 2004  
(Florin Raducanu- Art Factory 2004)



**Revealing the Romanian**  
**Traditional Music on Jazz –**  
**featuring Dalila Cernătescu**  
(Florin Raducanu- Art Factory 2011)



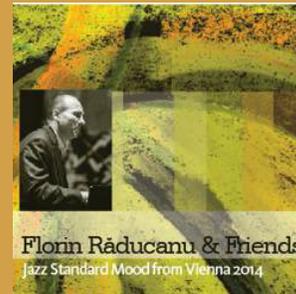
**Back to Bach**  
(Florin Raducanu- Art Factory 2006)



**Florin Răducanu Jazz Orchestra in**  
**Enescu Festival 2009**  
(Florin Raducanu- Art Factory 2012)



**Florin Raducanu plays Beethoven,**  
**Chopin, Enescu...on Jazz**  
Live from "Porgy & Bess Jazz Club"  
Vienna  
(Florin Raducanu- Art Factory 2010)



**Florin Raducanu & Friends – Jazz**  
**Standard Mood from Vienna 2014**  
(Art Factory 2014)



**Florin Raducanu Live Jazz Portret**  
Pianist, Compozitor, Orchestrator  
Transmisiune Live Radio România  
Concert în colaborare cu Big Band-ul Radio  
Sala "Mihail Jora" a Radiodifuziunii Române  
(Art Factory 2015)



**Romanian-Ukrainian Jazz Meeting**  
**at the Kiev Operetta Hall**  
(Art Factory 2015)

## DVD



**Symphonic Jazz Project**  
with Belarusian State Philharmonic Orchestra (2016)

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## BOOKS



**FAQ Jazz Improvisation Art**  
Editura Muzicală 2013



**Romanian Carols Collection of Re-Harmonized  
Manner Arranged for Piano Jazz**  
(Grafoart 2015)



**Jazz Fuga Blues pentru pian**  
Ghid practic de improviziatie  
pe forma de blues major  
(Grafoart 2016)



**Baroque-Jazz Choral #1**  
Dublu aranjament pentru pian  
si pentru cor mixt  
(Grafoart 2018)