International Classical Music Festival „Clara Haskil” begins on August 30 in Sibiu, Romania. Tickets available

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**• Further details are available on the Festival’s website, http://www.clarahaskil.ro/en/home**

The first edition of the International Festival „Clara Haskil” takes place between August 30 and 4 September at [Thalia Hall](http://www.filarmonicasibiu.ro/index2.php), in Sibiu, Romania. This event is the first international Festival to honor the memory of the legendary Romanian pianist Clara Haskil.

During six days, six renowned international artists, together with well-known Romanian musicians bring to the public unique concerts and recitals, with works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johann-Sebastian Bach, Claude Debussy, George Enescu or Dinu Lipatti.

[**Marina Chiche**](http://www.marina-chiche.com/) (France) – „a world class violinist” (Stüddeutsche Zeitung), cellist **István Várdai** (Hungary) – one of the top musicians of his generation – , pianist [**Julien Quentin**](http://www.julienquentin.com/)(France)– „a remarkable talent” (The Herald Times), **Adam Laloum** (France) – winner of the prestigious Clara Haskil International Piano Competition in 2009, „a pianist who is already a great artist and an equally great poet" (Le Monde), [**François-Xavier Poizat**](http://www.fxpoizat.com/) (Switzerland), „a very talented young pianist with a remarkable virtuosity and deep lyricism” in the words of great pianist Martha Argerich, [and **Alina Azario**](http://alinaazario.com/de/) – remarkable pianist of Romanian origin, winner of numerous international awards, alongside Romanian conductor **Tiberiu Soare**, [**Bucharest Symphony Orchestra**](http://osb.org.ro/)and the [**Arcadia String Quartet**](http://www.arcadiaquartet.com/) **will be present in this edition of the Festival**.

Harmony, perfection, high quality interpretation and unconditional love for classical music – these are just some of the qualities associated with the name of Clara Haskil, qualities that the Festival wishes to share with the public.

The International Festival „Clara Haskil” is the imitative of pianist Alina Azario: in a time when young people tend to leave Romania, an internationally acclaimed Romanian pianist brings back home a symbol in a gesture of appreciation dedicated to one of the most talented pianists of Romanian origin: Clara Haskil.

*„An artist needs the public as much as the public needs the artist: this is what Clara Haskil showed us, with passion and perseverance. This is the reason we invite the public to join us for the Festival and discover a type of emotion that can only be felt in the concert hall, in a direct dialogue between the artist and the public. It is through people that music carries on”*, says pianist Alina Azario, Artistic Director of the International Festival „Clara Haskil”.

**About Clara Haskil:**

Born in Bucharest, on 7 January 1895, Clara Haskil perfected her skills in Paris, where she would perform alongside some of the most prestigious musicians in the world, such as Herbert von Karajan or Dinu Lipatti, who later became her close friend. In 1942, the pianist settled in Vevey, Switzerland. Today, as a sign of appreciation, one of the most important classical music competitions, which takes place in Vevey, with a tradition of 50 years, bears her name: The Clara Haskil International Piano Competition.

Clara Haskil marked generations of musicians and enriched us with her passion and dedication to music. Though highly appreciated by international critics and musicians as well, a true perfectionist, the pianist reached the public glory only at the age of 55.

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