

DUO ANA MARIA BIBESCU & RAISA MIHAI

Ana Maria Bibescu and Raisa Mihai have known each other for 7 years, having met in the class of the same guitar teacher, back in high school. They set up the duo on impulse, before Raisa was admitted to the Music University in Bucharest. They found out they enjoy playing together and now their guitar duo is part of their lives. Moreover, thanks to the experience of playing together, Ana Maria and Raisa are reconsidering the idea of a solo career; they find it a lot more natural to share their emotions, repertoire, organisation and everything musical with another person.

In high school, Ana Maria played mostly electric guitar in a rock band. She grew closer to the sound of acoustic guitar and made the transition towards the technique required of an acoustic performer. Today, she feels she made the right choice. Raisa majored in computer studies, until her talent surfaced and she studied in a matter of months everything she needed for her admission to the "George Enescu" High School. At present, Ana Maria and Raisa are taking part in guitar competitions (in 2018 they won the 1st prize in Kyustendil International Guitar Competition and Montenegro International Guitar Competition, and 2nd prize in Transilvania International Guitar Competition) and seek to broaden their repertoire to include ever more complex pieces. They are playing modern and contemporary works, but they are also studying baroque, classical and Romantic music, or flamenco. Raisa is especially fond of gypsy jazz. They played at Novum Generatio Festival (Cluj Napoca, 2017), they have already given recitals at the Târgu Mureş Palace of Culture, the Hungarian Institute in Bucharest and in Odorheiu Secuiesc (2018). Keep an eye on them!

