

## **Rafael Dengra, professional violinist**

Born in Buenos Aires, successfully finished his studies as a violinist in Barcelona, at the Conservatorio del Liceo in 1997. He studied with professors A. Elijovich, Ala Voronkova and Evgeni Grach. Masterclasses also with Yehudi Menuhin, Arkadi Futer (Concertmaster of Moscow Virtuosi) and Josep Gold (American Virtuoso disciple of legendary Jascha Heifetz) Finalist and winner of various competitions as a solo and chamber music player. Among them Foundation "la Caixa", "UT 94" Mitsubischi 99 and Arjau 2000.

He also received a mention of SGAE for his work at the national contemporary music with a concert broadcasted on RNE.

Professional violinist and collaborator with many orchestras as the Liceu Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra of the Colón Theater, Orchestra of Europe, Chamber orchestra of the House of Rousillon.

From 1999 till 2006 he was the first violin of the Emporda Chamber Orchestra. With this orchestra he performed on tour in more than 20 countries of America, Africa, Europe and Asia. In 2003 interpreted as soloist with the orchestra "Wierz" Xavier Turull. In 2004 performed a concert tour, also as soloist, with the OCE in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, playing "Nocturne Landscape". This work was especial composed for this tour by Esteban Benzecry. During this tour he performed in major theaters: for centenary of the Opera Theatre of Rosario (Opened in 1904 by the great Caruso) and the Gran Teatro Rex of Buenos Aires in front of more than three thousand audience.

From 2006 He constantly collaborates Orchestra Liceo and in 2007 won competition of the First Violin Concertmaster of the Symphony Orchestra of Huelva. He is also invited to play with other orchestras.