

## SPECIAL FEATURE on ANATOLI KRATSEV

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Anatoli Kratsev - (Bulgarian: **Анатóли Кръстев**) was born on 6th September 1947 and is a prominent Bulgarian cellist and pedagogue. He is widely considered to be one of the most important Bulgarian performers. Since 2008, he has been Vice-rector of the National Academy of Music Pancho Vladigerov in Sofia.

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Kratsev graduated from the National Conservatory in Tunis in the cello class of professor Guido Evraet, and from the National Academy of Music Pancho Vladigerov in Sofia, in the cello class of Professor Velko Karastoyanov. He further specialized with prof. Zdravko Yordanov, Andre Navarra and Janos Starker. Since 1972 he has been a teacher at the National Academy of Music Pancho Vladigerov, from 1989 as Assistant professor and since 1995 as Professor.

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He is an Honorary President of the Academy for Young Talents in Marseille (together with Janos Starker and Maurice Backet), is a regular member of the jury at the International competitions in Weimar and Prague (Prague spring), and has numerous International and National awards and distinctions.

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He is a regular soloist with Bulgarian, European and American orchestras as well as giving masterclasses in Europe (Belgium, France, England, Greece, Brazil and North Macedonia), the USA, and Brasil. His playing is said to hold unconditional professionalism, bright artistic presence and impressive repertoire. He collaborates with artists such as Mincho Minchev, Stoyka Milanova, Boyan Vodenicharov, Evgenia-Maria Popova, Dorothy Dorow , Walter Buykens , Robert Groslot, and conductors including Ury Meyer, Georgi Lehel, Joseph Conta, Arnold Katz, Dobrin Petkov, Dimitar Manolov, Vassil Kazandjiev, Emil Tabakov. The critics give him the highest ratings and with superlatives such as "his art has always excited both audience and the critics alike and this common view places the violoncellist alongside such names as Janos Starker and Andre Navarra". In 2000 he founded (together with Yosif Radionov and Mayer Frank) the piano trio "Kinor" and since 2002 - the violoncello trio "Cellissimo" (with his two children Kalina Krusteva and Atanas Krastev).

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He has Premiered over 100 new works many of which are dedicated to him, has recorded over 25 Gramophone and CDs in Bulgarian and foreign recording studios from the USA, to the Netherlands and Germany, and has broadcast for numerous radio and TV stations in Bulgaria, France, Belgium, Russia, Hungary, Greece, Brazil, Vietnam. He recorded on CD the cello concertos by Camille Saint-Saëns, Robert Schumann, the Variations on a Rococo Theme by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and music by Bulgarian composers such as Petar Hristoskov, Milcho Leviev, Emil Tabakov, and Gheorghii Arnaoudov. A CD release by St.Clair - Classics Collection "Forever Gold" features Anatoli Krastev as soloist in Dvořák's Cello Concerto together with Andre Navarra's recording of the Edward Elgar cello concerto.

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HEAR HIM HERE, a great sound and a wonderful control of tempo!:

Schumann: Cello Concerto - Anatoli Krastev -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e91VOLxfri4>

Dvořák: Cello Concerto - Anatoli Krastev -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5izUlwXWwjc>

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