Professors from Yesterday and Today

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The publication of the volume called *Professors from Yesterday and Today* of George Enescu University of Arts is part of a wider art project which was held in 2015 when George Enescu Arts University celebrated 155 years since the establishment of the first institutions of artistic education in Romania together with the National Museum which keeps the art collection of the most important artists of Iaşi (October 26, 1860).

These two institutions have emerged due to some personalities whose evocation should be highlighted, such as: Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Mihail Kogălniceanu, Gheorghe Asachi, Gheorghe Panaiteanu Bardasare, Scarlat Vârnav (who donated an impressive collection of art of some famous European artists), Costache Negri, the lawyer Costache Dasiade who donated 30 paintings which entered the Heritage of the Art Museum from Iaşi¹.

The volume, which was coordinated by Mrs. Atena Elena Simionescu, Prof. PhD was published at Artes Publishing House of George Enescu Arts University.

¹ Iutiș Minola, *Muzeul de Artă și Școala de Arte Frumoase din Iași -155 de ani*, text publicat în volumul *Profesori de ieri și de astăzi*, Ed. Artes, Iași, 2015

This album highlights the professors who taught and have made important contributions since 1860 by School of Music and Declamation, School of Painting and Sculpture and the professors which today are making efforts in education, stimulating creativity² and promoting students through three artistic fields: Visual Arts, Music and Theater united under the cupola of George Enescu Arts University from Iaşi, which during the artistic events of 2015 received from the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research the approval for a new name, starting with the academic year 2016-2017: "George Enescu" National University of Arts³.

The connection between past and present was marked in the area of visual arts by the exhibition called "Professors from Yesterday and Today" which was opened at Universitas Gallery from George Enescu University of with a great support from The Art Museum within the National Arts Complex Museum "Moldova" Iași, on October 22, 2015. There were exhibited the original paintings from The Heritage Museum of Art in Iaşi signed by professors and famous artists who have influenced the school of arts from Iași such as: Gheorghe Panaiteanu-Bartasare, Emanoil Bardasare, Gheorghe Popovici, Nicolae Tonitza, Ștefan Hotnog, Costache Agafiței, Mihai Cămăruț, Dan Hatmanu, Eugen Boușcă, Petre Hârtopeanu, Octav Băncilă, C.D. Stahi, Călin Alupi, Corneliu Baba, Stefan Dumitrescu, Otto Brise. In the same time, at ApArte Gallery, were exhibited remarkable art works of paintings, sculpture, graphics, photography and tapestries signed by nowadays professors of the Faculty of Visual Arts and Design, such as: Jenö Bartos, Zamfira Bîrzu, Miruna Haşegan, Cristian Neagoe, Dragos Pătrașcu, Valentin Sava, Atena-Elena Simionescu, Mircea Ștefănescu, Constantin Tofan, Mihai Tarași, Cristian Ungureanu, Madălina Vieriu etc.⁴

² Ștefănescu Mircea, "*Mijloacele de mediere ale artei și coordonarea acțiunii comunitare ca parte importantă în educația artistică a elevilor*"["*Means of mediating art and the coordination of community actions as an important part of pupils' artistic education*"], article published in the volume *Dimensiuni ale educației artistice* vol. XII of the International Conference "Aspecte tradiționale și contemporane în educația artistică românească și internațională" ["Traditional and Contemporary Aspects in Romanian and International Artistic Education"], Artes Publishing House, Iași, 2016, p.141.

³ Address no. 9019F/2/ 18.11.2015 of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research.

⁴ Mirela Ștefănescu, "George Enescu University of Arts - the anniversary of 155 years since the establishment of modern artistic education in Iași", article published in the volume Creativitatea Perspective Psiho-Pedagogice [Creativity – Psycho-Pedagogical Perspectives], vol. II of the International Scientific Conference of the Romanian Academy Iași, Creativitate și Personalitate [Creativity and Personality], Ars Longa Publishing House, Iași, 2016, p. 80

Joi, 22 Octombrie 2015, Galeria Universitas Casa Bois, str. Cuza Vocă 29 ora 12:30 Finisajul expoziției Profesori de leri și de azl

Expoziția cuprinde lucrări originale din patrimoniul Muzeului de Artă din Iasi



The poster of the exhibition "Professors from Yesterday and Today"

Within other artistic areas, such as music and theater and also the department for teacher training, the volume offers diverse and rich documents, posters of concerts and theatrical performances, photographs, books which prove the huge potential of artistic creation of the professors from George Enescu National Arts University of Iaşi, illustrating in the same time the evolution of artistic education in Iaşi.