Igor Tkatchouk

Igor Tkatchouk graduated from the Kyiv State Conservatory in the class of E. Bouchinskaya, a pupil of David Oistrakh, and completed postgraduate studies under the guidance of Alexei Gorokhov—Laureate of the 1951 Queen Elisabeth International Competition and a student of Lev Tseitlin and Abram Yampolsky. During this period, he began teaching at the Kyiv Conservatory and was later appointed Professor of Chamber Music at the Kyiv Music College.

He pursued an active international performing career as both a soloist and chamber musician, appearing throughout Europe as well as in China, Japan, Canada, Argentina, the United States, and Latin America. In 1993, he was awarded Third Prize at the International Competition in Paris. He was also a member of several chamber ensembles, including the Kiev Quintet and the Kiev Camerata Soloists Ensemble.

Since 1997, he has lived in Belgium, where he has collaborated with the Chamber Orchestra of Flanders and the BRTN Orchestra (now the Brussels Philharmonic).

Following an accident in 2004, Igor Tkatchouk concluded his performing career and devoted himself entirely to teaching. He is currently Professor of Violin at IMEP (Institut Supérieur de Musique et de Pédagogie) in Namur.

Igor Tkatchouk is the founder and Artistic Director of the Arthur Grumiaux International Violin Competition (originally established under the name “Bravo!”) and co-founder of the Ensemble of Young Soloists of Belgium. His students have become laureates and participants in major international competitions, including the Queen Elisabeth Competition, the Montreal International Music Competition, the Henri Vieuxtemps Competition, the Andrea Postacchini International Violin Competition, and many others.

He is also regularly invited to serve as a jury member at prestigious international violin competitions.