

# PETR BENDA

viola

He graduated in the Prague Conservatory in the class of prof. Nora Grumlíková. In 1997-1999 he was awarded a scholarship for postgraduate studies in Advanced Instrumental Studies Course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. He completed his studies by the Postgraduate Diploma in Music Performance under the leadership of prof. David Takeno and prof. Krzysztof Smietana. Besides that he also studied playing Baroque violin by Rachel Podger. In 2002 he graduated with honors in the Music Academy in Prague in the class of prof. Petra Messiereur. Between 2000 -2006 his violin skills got sharpened and perfected in Vienna in regular consultations with the concert master of Wiener Philharmoniker Volkhard Steude He attended master classes by professors Monika Urbaniak and Prof. Igor Ozim (1994-1997) at Bern Conservatory. His knowledge of chamber music deepened at Sándor Végh International Chamber Music Academy in Dobříš (1998, 1999). Between 2000 and 2001 he took part in The International Music Forum Trenta in Slovenia under the auspices of Wiener Philharmoniker, where he studied in the class of Volkhard Steud. In 1998 he won the second prize in the competition of Anglo-Czechoslovak Trust. During his two-year-stay in London he was awarded Chartered Surveyors Company Prize for chamber music, and in 1999 he was voted the Alfred Gibson Prize and moreover in the same year he received The Marjorie and Dorothy Whyte Memorial Award. He continued with his intensive devotion to chamber music throughout his studies. The most important long-term projects include his work in Madiran String Quartet and Quartet Rasa (London), Philharmonia String Trio (Praha). He keeps cooperating with several chamber orchestras such as Prague Chamber Orchestra, Bavarian Chamber Orchestra Bad Brückenau, Academy of Jack Martin Händler in Luxembourg, Janacek Chamber Orchestra. He is regularly invited to participate in the project of Bruno Walter Symphony in Bratislava and Vienna under the leadership of Jack Martin Handler. From 1995 to 2010 he was a member of The Prague Philharmonia. Since 2010/2011 he has been a member of Janáček Philharmonic Orchestra in Ostrava.

