

## OPINION

by Prof. Petya Bagovska, PhD

regarding the competition for the academic position of

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Violin for Asst. Prof. Evgeniy Shevkanov, PhD**

**at Prof. Asen Diamandiev Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts - Plovdiv**

**Professional field 8.3 Music and Dance Art.**

Asst. Prof. Evgeniy Shevkenov, PhD grew up in a family of prominent musicians and teachers in Plovdiv. After graduating from *Dobrin Petkov* National School of Music and Dance Art in Plovdiv, Shevkenov continued his musical education at *Prof. Pancho Vladigerov* National Academy of Music in Sofia and later at the University of Music and Theatre Arts in Vienna. He graduated with a master's degree. Since 2022 he has been awarded a PhD degree, defended in 2022 at *Prof. Asen Diamandiev* AMDFA - Plovdiv.

From 2000 to 2014 Shevkenov taught at the *Gustav Mahler* Conservatory in Vienna, and since 2014 he has taught violin, chamber music and orchestra at the *Richard Wagner* Conservatory in Vienna. He is currently Asst. Prof. at *Prof. Asen Diamandiev* Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts - Plovdiv.

For his active and successful work as a soloist and conductor, with concerts and guest appearances in over forty countries in Europe, America and Japan, Shevkenov has received high praise, positive reviews and acclaim. He has participated in the ensembles of prestigious orchestras - in the Vienna Philharmonic and Opera, as well as in a number of chamber ensembles. He has won prizes in competitions and continues his active teaching. As a member of the jury, I had the opportunity to hear his violin students in several editions of the international competition *Dobrin Petkov* in Plovdiv. The young talents performed excellently and won first prizes. This is a well-deserved recognition both for the students and for the work of their teacher.

Asst. Prof. Shevkenov, PhD actively participates in scientific conferences and seminars, leads master classes and seminars and is the author of creative projects.

He has publications - book, participation in author teams - monograph and articles in refereed journals. Art director of a chamber music festival in Plovdiv. For his active artistic activity in 2022, by the decree of the President of Austria, Evgeniy Shevkenov was awarded the title of 'Professor of the Republic of Austria'.

The overall artistic biography of the candidate reflects a multifaceted creative activity of a performer - soloist, chamber and orchestral musician, conductor, pedagogue and socially engaged personality with participation in projects, master classes and seminars, activities aimed at supporting the growth and development of young talents - students and pupils.

In the above-mentioned reference with scientific data, the candidate has fulfilled all the necessary requirements cited in the artistic and creative activity proposed as a habilitation work

As follows:

**Section A and B** - Dissertation for the award of the decree degree of PhD – ‘Historical Context and Analysis of Mozart’s Violin Concertos KV 207, 211, 216, 218 and 219’

Defended 7 December 2022.

Diploma number 083 dated 15.12.2022

Subpoints - **1, 2 – 50 points**

**Section B** - soloist activity, leading performances , recitals in New York - Austrian Cultural Forum -1.12.2004; soloist at ‘250th Mozart Anniversary Concert’ - Tokyo, Japan - 28.02.2006 , chamber concert -Washington, Austrian Embassy- 14.02.2006, soloist in London 6.11.2016 etc.

Subpoints - **3, 4. 4.1** **50 points**

**5,5.1,5.2,5.3,5.4 - 140 points**

**Section Γ** - publications: book, articles, papers in scientific conferences and academic readings, conducting activity, published chapter of a collective monograph -- Shevkenov, E. ‘Innovativeness as a Permanent State of the Creative Personality. Homo creator // Proceedings of the III International Scientific Conference ‘Science, Education and Innovations in the Field of Art’, *Prof. Asen Diamandiev Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts - Plovdiv*, Vol. 1, 2021, ISSN 2738-8956 (Print), ISSN 2738-8964 (Online), pp. 377-384. Studies published in specialized publications in the field of art

Subpoints	<b>6,7, 7. 1, 8</b>	<b>- 75 points</b>
	<b>9, 9.1, 9.2</b>	<b>- 30 points</b>
	<b>10,11,12,13,13.1,13.2,13.3</b>	<b>- 105 points</b>
	<b>14, 14.1,14.2, 15</b>	<b>- 20 points</b>

## **SECTION Δ**

Cited publications of E. Shevkenov in refereed scientific journals:

**16,1,7,16.1, 17.2, 17.3 - 40 points**

**17.4, 18,19.1, 19.2 - 20 points**

**SECTION E** - participation in master classes, seminars and projects, published textbooks, studies and materials

Subpoints **20,21,22,23,24,25,25.1 -40 points**

**26,27,28,28.1 -80 points**

**28.2, 28.3 ,28.4 ,29.1 - 5 points**

Awards, diplomas, distinctions and certificates

**30,31,31.1 – 20 points**

Evgeniy Shevkenov is a musician and pedagogue of outstanding achievements, with proven international authority and recognition, a pedagogue who will undoubtedly continue the traditions of the Bulgarian violin school on the path of his academic growth. Therefore, I propose to the esteemed scientific jury of Asst. Prof. Evgeny Shevkanov, PhD, to be awarded the academic position of 'Associate Professor' in the major 'Violin' in professional field 8.3. 'Music and Dance Art' at *Prof. Asen Diamandiev* Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts'- Plovdiv.

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