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Graf Mourja is generally recognized as one of most talented and distinctive Russian violinist of his generation. He began studying music at the age of three under the supervision of his father. Then for two years, his teacher has been a professor at the Ural State Conservatory, Wolf Usminsky (Sverdlovsk).

In 1982, Graf Mourja entered the Tchaikovsky Central Music School in Moscow, the class of Prof. Irina Bochkova. Even in school, at age of 16, he became the laureat and winner of two famous international competitions: Niccolò Paganini in Genoa (1990) and Vianna da Motta in Lisbon (1991), where he was also awarded a special prize for Chaconne Bartók. Graf Mourja graduated from Moscow Conservatory in 1997, and did his postgraduate studies under the supervision of Professor I. Bochkova in 1999. He was awarded the scholarship of the President Yeltsin, for his outstanding results in his studies. At the same time he finished his postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London with the Mateja Marincovich; he won Hattory prize in London for outstanding achievements in his studying.

During his studies Mr. Mourja became the laureate and winner of numerous international competitions, among them: Demidov International Violin Competition in Yekaterinburg (1993), Tchaikovsky Xth International Competition in Moscow (1994), Jacques Thibaud Competition in Paris (1996, France), Pablo Sarasate competition in Pamplona (1997, Spain), Rodolfo Lipizera competition (2000, Gorizia, Italy), where he received four special awards: for best performance of concerts by Stravinsky, Sibelius, R. Lipizera, and a special audience award, an international competition UNISA (2002, Pretoria, South Africa), and others. In addition, in 1994 G. Mourja was awarded the prize of festival «Juventus» by Council of Europe.

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The repertoire of the violinist is more than 30 concerts with the orchestras, among them are rarely performed works of E. Dohnanyi, H. Badings, G. Dmitriev, M. Nosyrev, B. Bartók. Since 2007 the violinist is the artistic director of the festival Violin-vagabond in Yekaterinburg, where he performs the classics, ethnic, klezmer music, jazz. Also Graf Mourja is a member of Kheops group.

Graf Mourja recorded 3 CDs for the company Harmonia Mundi, collaborated with Alpha, Integral, Hanssler-Verlag, Naxos, Chant du Monde, Classical Records. Recordings of works by Stravinsky, Szymanowsky, Schnittke, Prokofiev, Ravel and the recording of virtuoso miniatures Violin vagabond were highly praised by Strad and Gramophone magazines, as well as the prestigious awards Diapason d'Or and Choc. He took part of the Kheops Ensemble CD with Dohnanyi and Penderecki sextets for the firm Fuga Libera (Belgium). In 2004, G. Mourja was awarded the title Honored Artist of Russia.

Now Mr. Mourja is the professor of Moscow Conservatory. His master classes take place in the UK and France, Russia and Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands. Since 2005, Mr. Mourja is regularly invited the jury of Russian and International competitions. In June 2010, Graf Mourja won The Gold Medal - Grand Prix at the prestigious Violin Competition Violin Masters in Monte Carlo.

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