

# VIRA BURMENKO

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Canadian Citizen, ACTRA Apprentice, SOCAN Member  
Emerging Artist of The Year Nominated InFame Awards 2016  
Toronto Short Film Festival Selected 3Mix Feature  
Akademia Awards 2015 Winner Best Instrumental X2:  
The NeverEnding Tango - Best Latin Instrumental  
Three-Mix - Best Classical/Electronic Instrumental  
Height: 5'3" Weight: 114 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

## **Employment:**

- TTC (Toronto Transit Commission) Musician Program - 3 years
- *Rhapsody* Hungarian Cuisine Restaurant - 3 years
- Retirement Communities in GTA: *Westbury, Amica, Leisureworld* - 7 years
- Business Companies: *Vescio Funerals* - 3 years
- Charitable Organizations: *Knights of Columbus; Emunah Women, ICHR (Human Rights for Mid-East)* - 3 years
- Weddings, Parties and Corporate Events - 11 years
- Collaborative Projects in Dance and Music - 3 years
- Festivals and Community Events: Toronto, North York - 7 years

## **Teaching:**

- Allegro Music School - Violin/Piano Instructor - 6 years
- Private Music Studio - Instructor in Violin, Piano, Music Theory, Ensemble, and Contemporary Musicianship - 10 years
- Student Recitals - Organizer/Coordinator/Instructor/Performer/Arranger/Composer - 4 years

## **Film and Television:**

- *Single Ladies* - Musician/Band/Violinist
- *Hemlock Grove S. 3, Ep. 1* - Feature Gypsy Musician/Violinist
- *Best Christmas Party Ever* - Musician/Violinist
- *Hemlock Grove S. 2, Ep. 1* - Gypsy Musician/Violinist

## **Instruments:**

Violin - Acoustic 204 years of age, by Robert Fent  
Carbon fiber bow, three wooden bows (German and French)  
Electric Violin  
Piano & Voice

## **Education:**

- MA Music York University 2011 Thesis *Descension and Ascension*, Supervisor David Mott; York University Graduate Assistant; OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship) Recipient, Sound Streams Music Composer of *Exorcist*, an Overture for A Capella Choir, 2010 - Representing York University - Honorarium Recipient
- BFA Music York University 2009 Honors, Marion Lower Prize in Composition Recipient; **Violin Instructors:** Peggy Hills, Ian Grant

## **Other Courses, Workshops and Certificates:**

- Acting for Non-Majors II S08 FA THEA 1521 Cr= 3.00 York University Instructor: Aleksandar Lukac
- Acting for Non-Majors I S08 FA THEA 1520 Cr= 3.00 York University Instructor: Michael Kelly
- Toronto Summer Music Festival: Partial Scholarship - Violin Master Class, July 2009 Coach: Mayumi Seiler
- Array Music Performance Workshop of Claude Viver's, *Pulau Dewata*, May 23 – June 1, 2008 Course Director: Bob Stevens
- Personal Protection System International: An Intense Course of Study in Self-Defense Level 1 Certificate: February 2004

## **Special Skills:**

Violin (Gypsy, classical, popular, folk, jazz, modern, contemporary, dub-step), performance, composition, arranging, music and performance improvisation, songwriting, singing, violin-dance, dance, thai-chi, improv acting, teaching/coaching, music theory, contemporary musicianship, visual arts (live exhibit and catalog): painting, drawing, sculpting, silk-painting; languages: Russian (fluent), Ukrainian (fluent), German (intermediate), dog handling

## **Bands and Performing Groups**

- *Gypsy Flame Show Band* • *Baarbad Music* • *I-Strings*,  
• *Tangomania*

## **Orchestral Experience:**

- Mississauga Symphony Orchestra - 3 years
- York University Symphony Orchestra, Merit Award - 4 years

## **Featured in Recent Events:**

- TSFF Featured 3Mix by Northview Inc. - March 18, 2016
- Celebrate Toronto 182nd Anniversary - March 5, 2016
- TIFF Green Room by *Madflower* Aug. - Oct. 2016
- Health and Beauty Expo Fashion Show - Sept. 2015
- Toronto Waves Boat Cruise - Aug 2015
- Coast2Coast FM Live Feature NYC - September 25, 2014

## **Publications:**

- *My Key to Immortality: Tuning your Mind into The Life of Universal Love* - Book, March 13, 2013, Balboa Press, a Division of Hay House @ [www.mykeytoimmortality.com](http://www.mykeytoimmortality.com)
- *Descension and Ascension*, Violin Solo Suite - Composition and MA Thesis, May 2011, York University

## **Music Videos:**

- *Man's World* by Eli Jacob - Violinist
- *3Mix* by Northview 32 Inc. TSFF Nominee - Feature Violinist
- *Sweet Words* by Lowa Kay - Feature Sexy Boss/Employer
- *Coast2Coast FM* NYC Sept. 2014 - Artist/Violinist/Dancer
- *Gole Naz Darom* by Moein, A Persian Music Artist - Violinist

## **Equipment:**

Sennheizer Wireless System, Pickup,  
H4 Zoom Recording Device,  
Heavy Duty Portable Music Stand, Three Violin Cases

## Compositions' List:

### • Spiritual/Religious Works:

*Exorcist*, an Overture for A Capella Choir, 2010

*Descension and Ascension*, a Violin Solo Suite, MA Thesis 2011

*Mysterium*, a Concerto for Violin and Percussion in Three Movements, 2009 - Marion Lower Prize in Composition Winner

### • Secular Works:

*The NeverEnding Tango*, arr. for Violin, Viola, and Piano, 2014  
- Acoustic Version

*Trio from String Symphony*, 2008

*Two-Part Invention*, 2007

### • Current Projects:

**All Great Things, Musical:**

*Forever* 2015

*Bella* 2014

*Identity Crisis* 2014

*Rumple* 2013

*Would You Love Me* 2013

### • Songwriting:

*Alive* 2013 Demo-SoundCloud

*Blue-Eyed Gypsy* 2013 Demo-SoundCloud

*Cry with Me* 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

*Dynamite* 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

*Eternity* 2013

*Fly Away* 2012 Demo-SoundCloud

*How Deep is Your Love* 2013

*Hurt* 2013

*Identity Crisis* 2014 - "All Great Things"

*I don't Need You* 2013

*I know* 2013 Demo-SoundCloud

*I'm Sorry* 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

*In Love with Love* 2012

*Joker* 2014- *In Memory of Robyn Williams* YouTube

*Listen to Your Soul* 2012

*Make It Count* 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

*Not that Kinda Girl* 2013

*Over* 2015- [www.numberonemusic.com/viraburmenko](http://www.numberonemusic.com/viraburmenko)

*Rumple* 2014 - "All Great Things"

*Save Me from Myself* Rec. 2012, with *I-Strings*

*Save Me from Myself*, Rec. 2016, *I-Strings*, Prod. Timur Ilyasov

*Scars* 2014- [www.numberonemusic.com/viraburmenko](http://www.numberonemusic.com/viraburmenko)

*Shine* 2012

*Show Me How* 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

*The Light* 2012 Demo-SoundCloud

*Unconditional* 2012

[www.allgreatthingsproductions.com](http://www.allgreatthingsproductions.com)

• **Composition Instructors:** David Mott, David Lidov, William Westcott

• **Improvisation and Contemporary Musicianship:** Casey Sokol, Matt Brubeck

### • Features:

• Toronto Short Film Festival 2016 - 3Mix Produced by Northview 32 Inc.

• Celebrate Toronto 182 Anniversary

• The Green Room TIFF Media and Sponsored Events

• North York Festival

• Coast2Coast FM Live NY

• Persian Beauty Awards 2014

### • Instrumentals:

• *The Never-Ending Tango* (New Mix) 2014 - Akademia Awards Winner - Best Instrumental Latin 2015

• *Three-Mix* 2014 - Akademia Awards Winner - Best Instrumental Classical/Electronica 2015

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## **FM Radio Spins:**

### **Three-Mix - Akademia Award Winner 2015 -Best Instrumental Classical/Electronica**

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### **Press Releases:**

- **Marquix Global Networks:**

<http://www.marquix.tv/features/vira-burmenko.html> - Over 1,000,000 views Feb. 2016

- **Avastar:**

<http://www.avastar.tv/features/vira-burmenko.html>

- **Greycastle News Corporation:**

<http://www.greycastle.tv/features/vira-burmenko.html>

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WSTP Prague, Czech Republic [www.thestreet-radio.com/prague1](http://www.thestreet-radio.com/prague1)

KSTP Perth, Australia [www.thestreet-radio.com/perth1](http://www.thestreet-radio.com/perth1)

WSTA Athens, Greece [www.thestreet-radio.com/athens1](http://www.thestreet-radio.com/athens1)

KSPR Radio San Francisco, California USA

KSPR Radio San Francisco, California USA [www.powerfm-radio.com/sanfrancisco7](http://www.powerfm-radio.com/sanfrancisco7)

KBPR Radio Boston, Massachusetts USA [www.powerfm-radio.com/boston7](http://www.powerfm-radio.com/boston7)

KPPR Radio Paris, France [www.powerfm-radio.com/paris7](http://www.powerfm-radio.com/paris7)

KRPR Radio Rome, Italy [www.powerfm-radio.com/rome7](http://www.powerfm-radio.com/rome7)

KMPR Radio Manila, Philippines [www.powerfm-radio.com/manila7](http://www.powerfm-radio.com/manila7)

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