

Radu Beligan



Born in 1918 in Romania. Studied Law and Philosophy in Bucharest.

First appeared on stage at the age of 20, in the play *Crime and Punishment*, by Dostoyevsky, at the *Liedertafel-Alhambra-Regina Maria* theatre in Bucharest.

In more than seven decades spent on stage, the actor has developed an impressive theatre, film, television and radio activity, making himself recognized by means of famous parts from the Romanian, as well as from the universal dramaturgy and literature.

He was a student of Lucia Sturdza Bulandra at the Royal Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and upon graduation performed in numerous theatres across Romania.

At the end of the 40s he set up "*Compania Radu Beligan*." In 1945 he became an actor at *Teatrul National* and in 1961 – set up *Teatrul de Comedie*, where he was a manager up to 1969. Until 1990, Radu Beligan was the manager of *Teatrul national I.L. Caragiale*.

Starting with 1950, he was a teacher at *Institutul de Teatru si Film*, where he taught until 1965.

The artist has interpreted more than 80 roles in theatre and 30 in film.

Between 1971 and 1977 he served as President of the International Theatre Institute ITI, UNESCO. In 1979, he was elected Honorary President for life of the ITI.

He is a member of Le Muse Academy in Florence, Doctor Honoris Causa of Academia de Arte George Enescu and of *Universitatea Bacau*, signatory of the *Apelul Artistilor pentru Securitate si Cooperare* in Europa (Helsinki, 1985), honour associate of *Teatrul National* and honour member of *Academia Romana*.

In 2002, the President of France, Jacques Chirac, signed the decree by means of which Radu Beligan was appointed to the degree of Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour.