

## **Prof. PhD SIMO LAZAROV**

Simo Lazarov (b. 1948) is Bulgaria's first composer, performer and promoter of electronic music. He has specialized in several European studios and founded and directed the first Bulgarian studio for Electronic music at the Bulgarian National Radio (1973 – 1999).

He is PhD and professor on computer music. His researches are about using synthesis of timbres in algorithmic music compositions.

Since 1977 he has been a lecturer on sound engineering and electronic and computer music at the Music Academy, Technical and Sofia's Universities. In 1996 he created a brand new programme-course on *Computer Music Production* at the New Bulgarian University.

His work covers three spheres which supplement each other and influence his development. These are the compositions of music, soundtracks, electronic and computer music studio recording and concert activity. Over the years Simo Lazarov has performed more than 2000 concerts. In recent years he has organized open-air mega concerts which are synthesis of the various arts, attracting large audiences for his contemporary music.

Simo Lazarov has released 9 LP, 26 CD's, more than 100 soundtracks over 400 works and 9 books. For 30-th year Anniversary of first Bulgarian Electronic Music Studio was released 30 CDs Special Edition – Anthology of his music. He is a member of Bulgarian and Israeli Composers League and SEAH Czech EA Composers. He has been nominated Bulgaria's Musician of 1995.

He has taken part in many electronic and computer music festivals all over Europe and USA. He was co-initiator of the Bulgaria's *Festival for Computer Art and Multimedia*. In 1989 he created International Electro-Acoustic, Electronic and Computer Music *Forum-Festival Computer Music Space* .

Simo Lazarov has been invited to numerous electronic and computer music competitions and festivals Italy, Germany, France, Israel, USA, Japan, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Finland, Czech Republic, Slovakia etc. and has been distinguished at several major European computer music festivals.