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Canadian Citizen, ACTRA Apprentice, SOCAN Member
Toronto Short Film Festival Selected 3Mix Feature
Akademia Awards 2015 Winner Best Instrumental X2:
The NeverEnding Tango - Best Latin Instrumental
Three-Mix - Best Classical/Electonica Instrumental
Height: 5'3" Weight: 114 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown
Representation: **EMG Canada**

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

Ongoing Projects @ www.allgreatthingsproductions.com

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
- *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

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

Shine 2012

Show Me How 2014 Demo-SoundCloud

The Light 2012 Demo-SoundCloud

Unconditional 2012

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• **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:

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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>

The NeverEnding Tango - Akademia Award Winner 2015 - Best Instrumental Latin

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