



Algirdas Budrys – excellent artist, clarinetist and teacher. Budrys finished his studies at the Lithuanian Academy of Music in 1963. Then he took skill building courses in Sankt Peterburg Conservatoire and later with the famous clarinetist J. Lancelot in Paris. 1958-1978 – soloist-concertmaster of the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra; 1964-1989 – the leader and member of the Wind Quintet of the Lithuanian National Philharmonic; 1986-1989 – Art Director of the Lithuanian National Philharmonic; Since 1992 – Art Director of the Wind Instrument Orchestra *Trimitas*. Intensive and varied are the creative activities of the virtuoso soloist, clarinetist Algirdas Budrys. More than 2,000 solo and chamber concerts were given in all main concert halls of the Soviet Union and in many countries of the world (USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway) during 45 years (Budrys gives concerts since 1958). A number of international music festivals in Moscow, Sankt Peterburg, Praha, Budapest and Kiev were also visited. Listeners and critics admire virtuoso technique, nice sound of the instrument, good feeling of style, subtle artistic taste, intellect, creativity and strong-will of the artist. These qualities enabled the artist to cover not only the main solo creations for the clarinet but also a broad repertoire of various styles of chamber music from J. Stamitz to O. Mesiaen. The larger part of his repertoire is recorded for the funds of the Lithuanian National Radio (more than 150 recordings) in seven solo and chamber LPs and in nine CDs. Since 1963 – the teacher in the Lithuanian Academy of Music; 1972-1975 – professor-expert in the Cairo Higher National Conservatoire; Since 1976 – the Head of the Wind Instrument Department of the Lithuanian Academy of Music; Since 1985 – the professor.

A. Budrys is a teacher who constantly searches for new forms of teaching. His knowledge about methods of various clarinet schools of the world enabled him to form his principles of long-term pedagogic activities. The professor has taught a number of talented artists and teachers during four decades of pedagogic activities, heading the Wind Instrument Department of the Lithuanian Academy of Music and leading the class of clarinet. His pupils play in famous Lithuanian orchestras and teach not only in Lithuania but also in Russia, Egypt, Germany, USA and Israel. Among his pupils are winners of international concerts clarinetists A. Doveika, A. Taločka, A. Daukšys and P. Vyšniauskas. Budrys is the initiator, organizer and the member of jury of the Young Wind Instrument Players competitions in Lithuania. He is often invited to be a member of juries at international competitions. He gave master classes in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Germany, Great Britain (London University), USA (Indiana, De Pole and Cincinnati universities) and France (Paris National Conservatoire). Professor Algirdas Budrys for his merits to Lithuanian culture and art was awarded with the Gediminas Order of the 4th degree in 1999 and received the premium of art of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.