

# Girls' Orchestra Where Participated Frida Palanker



Girls' orchestra, founded at the music school and existed when we became students of the conservatory. We were playing at the "Chance" Movie Theater before the movies. First row - violins. I'm on the right, the 2nd violin. My friend Mira Shenderovich is with violoncello.

In 1939 my friends and I formed a small orchestra. There were only girls there - the brass and the string group. There was also a singer - she was a student of the vocal class. We rehearsed at school. Our school teacher Magaziner, a Jew, was director of the orchestra. In about half a year we entered into the agreement with the director of the "Chance" cinema on the corner of Kreschatik and Proreznaya about playing in this movie theater. Movie performances began at 4 and we came after classes and played at the lobby. We had costumes to wear on the stage. They were made from brown cashmere with a white inset on the chest and a bow tie. We played popular pop songs and received money for our work. I was very happy to give this money to my mother. Mira Shenderovich, the violinist in our orchestra, was my friend. She lived in Podol, not far from where my grandmother Sura lived. We met with Mira after the war also. Later she went to Kishinev, got married and emigrated to Israel with her family. Her daughter lives in Austria now. She is laureate of international contests, violinist and great musician. Mira died in Israel. We were a team of people in the orchestra. We were united by what we were doing and our enthusiasm. Even after we entered the Conservatory we continued to play in the orchestra.

In 1940 after finishing school I was auditioned for my skills in playing the violin and was admitted to Kiev State Conservatory.