

**Jascha Heifetz is one of the most renowned and celebrated personalities of culture and arts of the 20-th century. A violinist of genius, he was an unparalleled virtuoso, a world-famous performing artist who changed the culture of music and established a new culture of violin playing.**

**Heifetz was born in 1901 in Vilnius, Lithuania. He grew up in his native town, he started studying music there and played his first concerts. In 1910, he moved to Saint Petersburg to continue with his studies at the Conservatory. Soon, he triumphed at concert halls, but also visited his native Lithuania.**

**After the Bolshevik revolt at the end of WWI, he emigrated to the USA. Heifetz toured numerous countries, he played with the most famous performers and orchestras of the world, presented premier performances of the most prominent composers, and his recorded legacy is vast. Heifetz's fame was limitless, and he became a legend of his time, God's Fiddler. He passed away in Los Angeles in 1987.**

**The house where Heifetz lived since his birth and until he moved to St. Petersburg is on Maironio g. 27. In 1987, an attempt was made to demolish the house, but thanks to the efforts of Maestro Saulius Sondeckis, a Lithuanian conductor and violinist, this act of vandalism was abandoned, and the house was saved from destruction.**

**Many prominent performing artists, including Mstislav Rostropovich, Yehudi Menuhin, Igor Oistrach and others, as well as music lovers from all over the world have visited the site to pay tribute to the great violinist, whose playing is no less influential today than it was in his lifetime.**