

Juci Scheiner At Unirea Grammar School



This is a class portrait, taken around 1925-27 in Unirea girls' grammar school in Marosvasarhely. In the middle is the German teacher, she was a Hungarian lady and her name was Maria. I'm second from right in the second row. Vicu Szanto, the girl I used to appear with in performances, is first from right in the fourth row. Vicu was a very good and kind girl. She was the niece of Mr. Szanto, the Jewish lawyer. She wasn't from Marosvasarhely, but from some village, and she stayed with some relatives of hers on Jokai Street.

I attended Unirea grammar school for girls, a Romanian school for four years. This school was an exceptional one; it had an excellent principal who did an outstanding job. We had an acquaintance who attended the French Institute, called L'arché, and my parents insisted on enrolling me there. Initially I cried a lot because I didn't want to go there, since my girlfriends were studying at Unirea school, but eventually I came to love the institute as well. We had a teacher called Mademoiselle Breton. I don't recall the other teacher's name. We learned everything in French, except for the German language. I think there were three Romanian students, children of merchants, the others were mostly Hungarian and Jewish. Towards the end of the 2nd year, the French consul from Bucharest paid us a visit and awarded two medals, one to me.