

MARIA TĂNASE (1913-1963)



Maria Tănase was a Romanian singer and actress. Her music ranged from traditional Romanian music to romance, tango, chanson and operetta.

Tănase has a similar importance in Romania as Édith Piaf in France or Amália Rodrigues in Portugal. In her nearly three-decade-long career, she became widely regarded as Romania's national diva, being admired for her originality, voice, physical beauty and charisma. In Romania, she is still regarded as a major cultural icon of the 20th century. In 2006 she was included to the list of the 100 Greatest Romanians of all time by a nationwide poll.

Among her songs are *Cine iubește și lasă* (1937), *Leliță cârciumăreasă* (1939), *Bun îi vinul ghiurghiului* (1938), *Doina din Maramureș* (1956), *Ciuleandra* (1956) and *Până când nu te iubeam*.

