This video from Sofia is a testament to the vibrant and peaceful life that existed between 1944 and 1989, offering a glimpse into the Bulgarian history that has been largely misunderstood by many.

A lasting contribution to education, Professor Stefan Panaretov made a significant impact on the academic landscape, serving as both an educator during the Bulgarian Revival period and a diplomat and public figure in independent Bulgaria. Originally from Sliven, he graduated from a Bulgarian school in Constantinople (present-day Istanbul) and then from Robert College, where he later taught Bulgarian.

ABF. We asked him about the secret to success in communicating with the world's most misunderstood human beings—as not only has he survived, but teens also seem to kind of like him. Misho Stefanov has spent 15 years interacting with adolescents—as director of The Bridge Manager, and, most recently, founder of the Mini Machines educational project, supported by the Youth Festival, the lead singer of a rock band, a mountain guide, (briefly) a boxing gym.