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Ákos Dratsay

Flute



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BUDAPEST

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1960.

BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

- He pursued his musical studies in Hódmezővásárhely, Szeged, and at the Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest.
- In 1981, he began working in Kecskemét as a flute teacher at the newly established music secondary school of the Kodály School.
- Together with his wife, flutist Bea Berényi, they built a nationally renowned department in the city.
- Alongside his teaching career, Ákos Dratsay has been an active contributor to Hungarian musical life since the beginning of his professional journey, particularly in Kecskemét and Bács-Kiskun County.
- Just like his educational work, his artistic career is also inseparable from his wife, flutist Bea Berényi.
- They have given nearly 2,000 solo and chamber concerts, the majority of which took place in Kecskemét and Bács-Kiskun County, but they have also performed throughout Hungary, across many countries in Europe, and in India.
- Several prominent contemporary Hungarian composers, including Miklós Kocsár, Frigyes Hidas, János Vajda, and József Sári, have written double concertos and chamber works for them.
- For their performances of these works, the artist couple has been awarded the ARTISJUS Prize four times.
- Their playing has been preserved on numerous CDs and radio recordings.
- In addition to his work as a soloist and chamber musician, Ákos Dratsay is also known as a member of the Kecskemét Symphony Orchestra.
- In 2015, the orchestra's members awarded him the title 'Orchestral Artist of the Year'.

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