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Dr. Bence Szepesi DLA

Clarinet



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BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGROAHY

- Twelve-time competition winner (Germany, Japan, Italy, Hungary, Belgium), he has performed in more than 27 countries including the USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Qatar, Mauritius, Russia, Israel, China, Taiwan, and others.
- He earned diplomas from the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music and the Paris Conservatory.
- In 1995, he received a scholarship from the Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy, and in the same year was invited as concertmaster of the WASBE IYWO Orchestra in Hamamatsu, Japan.
- He has performed as soloist with the symphonic wind orchestra of the Liszt Academy in Italy, France, and Spain.
- He regularly appears as soloist with symphonic, string, and concert wind orchestras, performing works by Mozart, Weber, Copland, Harlap, Shaw, Grgin, Marcello, Piazzolla, Weber, and Brahms.
- He premiered a clarinet concerto composed for him by Balázs Horváth in 1997 and recorded it in 2009 with the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra.
- He has been principal clarinetist of the Dohnányi Symphony Orchestra since 1992, and is founder and artistic director of the Budapest Saxophone Quartet.
- He teaches at national and international (Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, USA) clarinet and saxophone competitions, masterclasses (USA, Taiwan, Israel, etc.), and summer music academies.
- In 2009, he performed as a saxophonist with Ennio Morricone's orchestra in Asia, Africa, and Europe.
- He is a performing artist for D'Addario (USA), RZ (Czech Republic), and BG (France).
- Recipient of the Artisjus Prize (2010).
- Founder and director of the BalatonSAX International Summer Music Academy.

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- Hungarian representative of the International Clarinet Association (ICA).
- President of the Hungarian Clarinet and Saxophone Society.
- Artist of AGP Agency New York, and made his solo debut at Carnegie Hall in New York in 2018.



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