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Lajos Sárközy Jr.

Violin



PLACE OF BIRTH
BUDAPEST

DATE OF BIRTH
1991. 04. 29.

BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

- He was born in Budapest as a descendant of a seven-generation musician family.
- He began studying the violin at the age of 5 with his father.
- That same year, he began his studies at the Józsefváros Music School, where his teacher was Judit Szászné Réger.
- At the age of 13, he was admitted to the special talents class of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, where he studied under Eszter Perényi.
- At 15, he won the Radics Gábor Hungarian Jazz Violin Competition and released his solo album titled "I am Only Fifteen."
- After acquiring classical musical foundations, he set the goal of continuing and preserving the performance of "Gypsy music," which is considered a Hungarian Hungarikum in restaurants.
- At the same time, he is frequently invited to perform classical works as well.

In 2009, he gave two solo concerts with the Silicon Grace Valley Symphony Orchestra in California.

- Over the years, he has had the opportunity to perform on stage with outstanding artists such as:
 - Zoltán Kocsis,
 - János Balázs,
 - István Várdai,
 - Kristóf Baráti,

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- Joshua Bell,
- Erika Miklósa,
- Gergely Kesselyák,
- Gábor Hollerung,
- Gergely Madaras,
- Béla Szakcsi Lakatos,
- Tony Lakatos,
- Elemér Balázs,
- Tim Ries,
- Yoyo Mayer.



He is a continuous presence in the Hungarian classical music scene:

- He has been a regular guest since the founding of Hungary's three major classical music festivals:
 - Cziffra Festival,
 - KaposFest,
 - Festival Academy.
- In recent years, he has performed at prestigious domestic concerts such as:
 - MVM Zenergia concert,
 - Bartók Festival in Miskolc,
 - Seven Towers Festival,
 - New Year's Concert at the Office of the President of the Republic,
 - New Year's Concert of the Ministry of Agriculture.
- In September 2021, he was invited by Iván Fischer to perform a joint concert with the Festival Orchestra.
- His classical music education and the authentic Gypsy music heritage passed down from father to son are both outstanding. He uniquely blends the two styles with a distinctive technique.
- He considers teaching the younger generations important, and is a permanent teacher and master of the rural Rajkó orchestra in Heves County.
- In 2019, he served on the jury of an international improvisational violin competition alongside names such as:
 - Béla Szakcsi Lakatos,
 - Tamás Vásáry,
 - Roby Lakatos,
 - Vilmos Oláh,
 - Michael Gutmann.

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- In 2019, he and his band entered the Chamber Virtuosos classical music competition, where they reached the finals and became known nationwide. Since then, they have been continuously introducing their uniquely sounding classical music in concerts across and beyond borders.
- Since June 2024, he has been playing an exceptionally famous master instrument owned by the Hungarian State, crafted by the renowned Italian master Joseph Guarneri 'Del Gesu' in 1742.

Awards and Recognitions

- 2002, 2009 – 1st Prize, Ede Zathureczky Violin Competition
- 2005 – 1st Prize, Telemann International Violin Competition
- 2006 – 1st Prize, Radics Gábor Jazz Violin Competition
- 2013 – 1st Prize, János Lavotta International Prímás Competition
- 2013 – Special Prize, MTVA
- 2014 – Junior Prima Award
- 2021 – György Cziffra Talent Award
- 2023 – Ferenc Liszt Award
- 2023 – Dankó Radio Gypsy Music Award



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