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László Ökrös

Clarinet



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MISKOLC

DATE OF BIRTH
04. 09. 1987.

BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

Musical Education & Career

- Known by his stage name **Jata Laci**, László Ökrös was born on September 4, 1987, in Miskolc. He is a distinguished clarinetist, celebrated both in Hungary and internationally as an ambassador of *Magyar nóta* and traditional Romani music.
- His musical journey began at the age of 14, when he joined the junior ensemble of the renowned **Rajkó Orchestra**. Just one year later, he became a full member of the professional Rajkó Orchestra. This formative period was pivotal for his artistic and personal growth. Through his work with the orchestra, he not only developed his musical talents but also gained invaluable life experience while touring the world.

One of the most memorable moments of his career was performing for **Pope Benedict XVI** in front of an audience of 70,000 pilgrims.

During his years with Rajkó, he received invitations to perform from numerous celebrated **prímás** (lead musicians).

- At just 16 years old, he earned a place in the internationally acclaimed orchestra led by **Ferenc Sánta Jr.**, a Kossuth Prize-winning violinist—an achievement he holds with particular pride.
- In 2006, he passed the national examination at the **Hungarian National Center for Light Music**, earning an “A” classification, the highest possible rating.
- In 2008, he took first prize at an **International Romani Orchestra Competition**, receiving the award from none other than the legendary Kossuth Prize-winning clarinetist **Ernő Kállai Kiss**.

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- As a highlight of his artistic career, he considers it a profound honor to have been entrusted with the clarinets of both **Ernő Kállai Kiss** and **András Puporka**, allowing their musical legacies to live on through his performances.

Media Appearances & Performances

- László Ökrös is currently a permanent member of the Duna TV program “Jó ebédhez szól a nóta” (“Songs for a Good Lunch”) and a featured artist on Dankó Rádió.
- He has delivered countless successful performances both in Hungary and abroad, continuously demonstrating his exceptional musicianship and deep dedication to the preservation and elevation of Magyar nóta and Romani music.
- His mission is to honor, preserve, and share these musical traditions at the highest artistic level.



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