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Rudolf Sárközy

Double Bass



PLACE OF BIRTH
BUDAPEST

DATE OF BIRTH
23. 03.1995.

BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

Education

- Rudolf Sárközy was born on March 23, 1995, into a family of musicians in Budapest.
- He began his musical education at the age of five at the Józsefváros Music School, where he studied cello under Katalin Keller-Gergelyné.
- At the age of 13, he performed on the same stage at the Mozarteum in Salzburg alongside world-renowned cellist Mischa Maisky and pianist Martha Argerich.
- At 14, he was admitted to the Bartók Béla Secondary School of Music, studying under István Varga.

Performances

- • Rudolf has been a regular performer at the Kapos Festival for 13 consecutive years, sharing the stage with distinguished artists such as
 - Kristóf Baráti, Kossuth and Liszt Prize-winning violinist
 - István Várdai, Liszt Prize-winning cellist
 - Katalin Kokas, Liszt Prize-winning violinist and violist
 - Barnabás Kelemen, Kossuth Prize-winning violinist
- • He is annually invited as a guest artist to the Festival Academy and has been a recurring performer at the Cziffra Festival for the past 9 years.
- Since the age of 16, he has served as principal double bassist of the Rajkó National Gypsy Orchestra
- He has performed at various national and international festivals, including:
 - Kronberg,(Germany),
 - Norway,

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– Japan.

- He has participated four times in the "Musical Hungary" program and in the "Musical Budapest" festival.
- In 2019, he was a finalist in the classical music competition *Chamber Virtuosos* on Duna TV. Following this, he performed at the Bartók Festival with the Miskolc Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Gergely Kesselyák.
- That same year, he performed at the *Zenergia* concert organized by MVM Zrt., held at the square in front of St. Stephen's Basilica.
- Also in 2019, he was invited to play at the Sándor Palace at the request of Mrs. Anita Herczegh, as a participant in the *Virtuosos* classical music competition.
- In January 2020, he took part in the New Year's concert hosted by the Office of the President of the Republic, performing with the orchestra of his brother, Lajos Sárközi—Liszt Prize, Junior Prima Prize, and Cziffra Talent Prize-winning violinist.
- That same month, he gave a concert at the Vigadó for the New Year's event of the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Rudolf is the double bassist of *Gipsy Virtuosos*, a group founded by Zoltán Mága. He regularly participates in charity concerts alongside the Liszt and Meritorious Artist Prize-winning violinist
- He successfully completed three full runs of the 100 Church Charity Concert Series, performing in support of Ukrainian refugee families, underprivileged and gifted children, and youth living in foster care.
- For the past six years, he has taught disadvantaged Roma children in Heves County and is a member of the Rural Rajkó Orchestra, which supports underprivileged schoolchildren. His mission is to preserve and promote the fading tradition of Hungarian-Romani café music and Hungarian cultural heritage worldwide.



Festivals

- He has performed at various national and international festivals, including:
 - Kronberg, Germany
 - Norway
 - Japan
- A four-time participant in the *Musical Hungary* initiative and the *Musical Budapest*
- Finalist of the 2019 *Chamber Virtuosos* competition on Duna TV, followed by a performance at the Bartók Festival with the Miskolc Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gergely Kesselyák.
- Featured performer at the *Zenergia* concert in front of St. Stephen's Basilica in 2019.
- Invited to perform at the Sándor Palace in 2019 by Mrs. Anita Herczegh as part of the *Virtuosos* competition.
- Participated in the 2020 New Year's concert of the President's Office, alongside the orchestra led by his brother, Lajos Sárközi.

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- Gave a concert at the Vigadó in January 2020 at the Ministry of Agriculture's New Year's celebration.
- In 2024, he joined *Gipsy Virtuosos* on a world tour as principal double bassist. During this tour, he performed in Lisbon at the stunning chapel of Portugal's most renowned museum. The concert celebrated the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Hungary and Portugal and was also part of Hungary's EU presidency program.
- He also performed to great acclaim at the recently inaugurated Hungary House in Brussels, marking the closing event of the Council of Ministers meeting on education and culture during Hungary's EU presidency.



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