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## Vilmos Oláh

Violin



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BUDAPEST

DATE OF BIRTH  
1975

### BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

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#### Award-Winning Hungarian Violinist

Vilmos Oláh is a highly acclaimed Hungarian violinist, recognized for his remarkable artistry and multiple prestigious awards.

Oláh has performed as a soloist on five continents, captivating audiences in some of the world's most renowned music capitals and festivals. Beyond his musical accomplishments, he has served as a **cultural ambassador, showcasing Hungarian heritage** on the global stage

Oláh currently serves as **the concertmaster of the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra**. Over the years, he has led esteemed ensembles, including the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, Hungarian State Opera Orchestra, Dohnányi Orchestra Budafok, MAV Symphony Orchestra, Danubia Symphony Orchestra, Budapest Strings and the Camerata Transsylvanica

#### Education and Mentorship

Oláh received mentorship and guidance from legendary figures in classical music, including Yehudi Menuhin, Isaac Stern, Ruggiero Ricci, Dénes Zsigmondy, Loránd Fenyves, Tibor Varga, László Dénes, Tamás Vásáry, Péter Eötvös, Riccardo Frizza, José Cura, Yuri Simonov, János Kovács, Ádám Fischer, and Dénes Kovács

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### Competitions

- János Koncz Violin Competition: First Prize (1986, 1989, 1992)
- Mozarteum Summer Academy, Salzburg: First Prize (1991)
- Pacem in Terris International Music Competition, Bayreuth: First Prize (1992)
- Grand Luc Adolph Violin Competition, Luxembourg: First Prize (1995)
- Leó Weiner Chamber Music Competition, Budapest: First Prize, String Trio (2000); First Prize, Sonata Category (2000)



### Masterclass

Since 1999, Oláh has been invited as a guest professor and has conducted masterclasses at prestigious institutions, including:

- Academics in Hanoi, Seoul,
- Vientiane,
- Beijing,
- Shanghai,
- Tokyo,
- Bangkok,
- Taipei,
- Kolkata,
- Mumbai,
- New York,
- San Francisco,
- Los Angeles,
- Havana, and Buenos Aires
- Liszt Academy of Budapest
- Bartók Conservatory of Budapest
- Conservatories in Békéscsaba, Vác, and Debrecen
- Pécs Music Department
- University of Szeged

### Professional Affiliations

- Honorary Member of JASTA (Japan String Teachers Association, 2019)
- Honorary Member of ADMA (Association de Musique Asie, 2019)

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- Honorary Member of TMEA (Thailand Music Educators Association, 2019)

### Awards and Recognitions

- Lajtha Award (2010)
- Dohnányi Award (2013)
- Ferenc Liszt Award (2018)
- Emmy Award (2018)
- Knight of Malta (2020)
- Pro Cultura Hungarica (2024)
- Honorary Advisor, JASTA Okinawa Branch (2021)
- Hungarian Academy of Arts (2023)
- Guest Professor and Advisory Consultant, Korea International School of Arts (2023)
- Artistic Director, Miyakojima Music Festival (2024)

Oláh is the subject of the biographical film *The Violin Alone*, developed through the PBS television network (2017).

Vilmos Oláh performs on a fine Italian violin (Ex-Ligeti), generously provided by the Government of Hungary



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