# János Balázs - Biography

Born: 19 September 1988, Budapest, Hungary





### **Education and tutors**

1996-1998: Pál Járdányi Music School – Erika Becht

2002-2006: Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest – School for Exceptional Young

Talents – Gyöngyi Keveházi – István Gulyás

2006-2016: Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, BA-MA – Kálmán Dráfi

Academic position: associate professor

#### **Awards**

Corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Arts (2021)

Kossuth Prize (2019)

Ferenc Liszt Prize (2015)

Meritous Artist (2018)

Prima Award (2016)

Young Steinway Artist (2019)

Gramofon Prize (2015)

Hungarian Academy of Arts – Musicians' Prize (2017)

Junior Prima Award (2011)

Award of the State of Poland (2011)

Rising Star "Artist of the Season" Award (2013)

### International competition - 1st place

György Cziffra International Piano Competition - Austria György Cziffra International Piano Competition - France

Aspen Concerto Competition - USA

International Nishinihon Music Competition - Japan

Pécs International Ferenc Liszt Piano Competition - Hungary

National Piano Concerto, Nyíregyháza - Hungary

# Further professional and social activities

Board member of the Hungarian Academy of Arts Honorary Member of the Pécs Liszt Society Honorary Member of the Hungarian Wine Academy

### Teaching activity

2019- : Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music – classical piano as main subject

2014-2018: Snétberger Centre – classical piano as main subject

#### Masterclasses

McGill University - Canada Shenyang Conservatory of Music – China Hanoi Conservatory of Music – Vietnam

### Talent development

National Talent Program – jury member, mentor Stipendium Peregrinum Scholarship Programme – jury member Junior Prima Award – jury member Felczak Foundation – jury member Virtuózok ('Virtuosi') TV talent show – jury member

## Jury membership at competitions

International Liszt Competition, Budapest (Hungary) György Cziffra International Music Competition, Senlis (France) Bogota Piano Competition, Bogota (Columbia) Magic Music Four Hands Piano Competition, Eger (Hungary)

# Cooperation with renowned artists, orchestras and conductors, among others

Mischa Maisky, Tamás Vásáry, José Cura, Vadim Repin, István Várdai, Charles-Olivieri Munroe, Pinchas Steinberg, Stéphane Denève, Jukka Iisakkila, Ksenia Zharko, Roger Bausier, David Mathues, Gwendolyn Masin

The Brussels Philharmonic, the Dortmund Philharmonic, the Aspen Philharmonic, the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra, the Danubia Orchestra Óbuda, Moscow Women Symphony Orchestra, the Dohnányi Orchestra Budafok, the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra

## Auspicious venues

Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), Cité de la Musique (Paris), Palau de Musica (Barcelona), Barbican Centre (London), Wiener Konzerthaus (Vienna) Cologne Philharmonie (Cologne), Teatro Colón (Bogota), Bozar (Brussels), Tchaikovsky Conservatory (Moskow), the Royal Conservatory (Toronto), Saint Frambourg chapel in Senlis