

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

Member of the Hungarian Academy of Arts (2023)

Kossuth Prize (2019)

Young Steinway Artist (2019)

Meritous Artist (2018)

Hungarian Academy of Arts – Musicians’ Prize (2017)

Prima Award (2016)

Ferenc Liszt Prize (2015)

Gramofon Prize (2015)

Rising Star “Artist of the Season” Award (2013)

Junior Prima Award (2011)

Award of the State of Poland (2011)

International competition - 1st place

Music International Grand Prix in New York (2022), first prize for ImprovisArt CD

György Cziffra International Piano Competition - Austria

György Cziffra International Piano Competition - France

Aspen Concerto Competition - USA

International Nishinohon 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
Member of the Kossuth and Széchenyi Award committee
Member of the board of trustees of the Junior Prima Award

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
Royal Conservatory – Brussels
Accademia per l’alta formazione nella Musica – Rome
Academy of Music – Zagreb

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

Long-Thibaud Competition, Paris (France)
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 Lisakkila, Ksenia Zharko, Roger Bausier,
David Mathues, Gwendolyn Masin, Mikko Franck
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, the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande,
Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France

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 (Moscow), the Royal
Conservatory (Toronto), Saint Frambourg chapel (Senlis), Victoria Hall (Geneva), Maison de la
Radio (France)