



FRANZ LISZT
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

HIGHLIGHTS OF

FRANZ LISZT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

FAR EASTERN CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

OPENING CONCERT

01 SEPTEMBER 2022
HOUSE OF MUSIC HUNGARY

Soloists:

Akiko Suwanai (violin)

Luosha Fang (viola)

István Várdai (cello)

Gábor Farkas (piano)

PROGRAMME:

Miho Hazama: Chimera - for strings, premiere in Hungary

Toshio Hosokawa: Voyage VI - for solo viola and strings

Mozart: Violin Concerto No.5 in A major, K. 219

Mozart: Piano Concerto No.23 in A major, K. 488

Beethoven: Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C major, op. 56



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HAYDN, BEETHOVEN

01 OCTOBER 2022
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

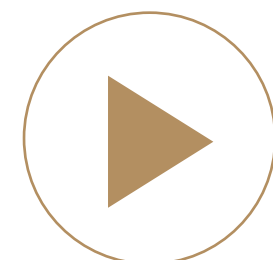
Soloist and conductor:
István Várdai (cello)

PROGRAMME:

Haydn: Cello Concerto in D major, No. 1, Hob. VIIIb:2

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C major, No. 2, Hob. VIIb:1

Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 "Eroica", Op. 55



MOZART, MENDELSSOHN, ARENSZKIJ

09 NOVEMBER 2022
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:
Benjamin Grosvenor (piano)

Conductor:
István Várdai

PROGRAMME:

Mozart: Serenade (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik), K. 525

Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25

Arensky: String Quartett No. 2, Op. 35



PROKOFJEV, HARTMANN, BEETHOVEN

04 DECEMBER 2022
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloists:

Liza Ferschtman (violin)

Pablo Barragán (clarinet)



PROGRAMME:

Prokofiev: Classical Symphony, Op. 25

Hartmann: Chamber Concerto for Clarinet, String Quartet and String Orchestra

Beethoven: Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61

SCHUMANN, MENDELSSOHN, FAURÉ, C. FRANCK

16 JANUARY 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:
Emmanuel Pahud (flute)

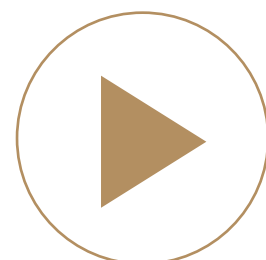
PROGRAMME:

Schumann: Drei Fantasiestücke, Op. 73 – arranged by Rezső Ott for flute and string orchestra

Mendelssohn: String Symphony No. 9 in C major

Fauré: Fantasie, Op. 79 – arranged by Apor Szüts for flute and string orchestra

C. Franck: Sonata in A major – arranged by Richard Tognetti for flute and string orchestra



PRAYER OF ATONEMENT

04 FEBRUARY 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:
Amihai Grosz (viola)

Conductor:
István Várdai

PROGRAMME:

Christopher Cerrone: High Windows (Hungarian première)

Martinů: Rhapsody-Concerto

Bruch: Kol Nidrei, Op. 47

R. Strauss: Metamorphosen



MOZART DAY

05 MARCH 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloists:

Barnabás Kelemen (violin)

Katalin Kokas (viola)

Conductor:

Gábor Takács-Nagy

PROGRAMME:

Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra in E-flat major K.364 (320d)

Mozart: Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major, K.543



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ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 60TH YEARS OF
FRANZ LISZT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

13 MARCH 2023
MÜPA BUDAPEST —
BÉLA BARTÓK NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

Soloists:

Ballet Company of Győr

Sayaka Shoji (violin)

István Várdai (cello)

PROGRAMME:

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons recomposed by Max Richter

Beethoven: String Quartet in F major op. 135 – transcription for
string orchestra

A. Kraft: Cello Concerto in C major, Op.4



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MUSIK DER MEISTER

06 APRIL 2023
WIEN, MUSIKVEREIN

Conductor:
István Várdai



PROGRAMME:

Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 "Eroica", Op. 55

Haydn: The Seven Last Words of Christ, Hob. III:50-56

ROMANTIC MOOD

23 APRIL 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

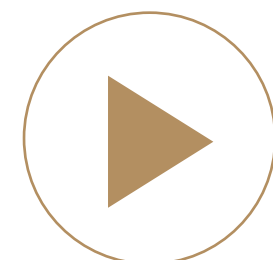
Soloist and conductor:
Martin Fröst (clarinet)

PROGRAMME:

Boccherini: Procession of the Military Night Watch in Madrid

Weber: Clarinet Concerto No.1 in F minor, Op. 73

Mendelssohn: Symphony No.4 in A major, Op. 90



TURNING POINTS

19 MAY 2023

LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:

Bogdan Volkov (tenor)

Guest concertmaster and soloist

Alexander Sitkovetsky (violin)

PROGRAMME:

László Dubrovay: String Symphony

Britten: Les Illuminations, Op. 18

Tchaikovsky: Souvenir d'un lieu cher (Memory of a dear place), op. 42

Britten: Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge, Op. 10



FRANZ LISZT
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CAPUCHOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

CLOSING CONCERT

18 JUNE 2023

ALMADA, TEATRO MUNICIPAL JOAQUIM BENITE

Soloist:

Jack Liebeck (violin)

Soloist and conductor:

Filipe Pinto-Ribeiro (piano)

PROGRAMME:

Arvo Pärt: "Orient & Occident"

Arvo Pärt: "Summa"

Johann Sebastian Bach: Concerto BWV 1056

Philip Glass: "The American Four Seasons", Concerto N. ° 2 for Violin and Orchestra



VARNA SUMMER

27 JUNE 2023

FESTIVAL AND CONGRESS CENTRE – VARNA

Soloists:

Mario Hossen (violin)

Ivan Martin (piano)

Conductor:

Dmitry Sitkovetsky

PROGRAMME:

Bach: Dance Suite No.1 – arranged from Bach's orchestral suites and partitas for chamber orchestra by Dmitry Sitkovetsky

Mendelssohn: Concerto in d minor for violin, piano and string orchestra

Dohnányi: Serenade, Op. 10 – arranged by Dmitry Sitkovetsky



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ENESCU FESTIVAL

08 SEPTEMBER 2023
BUCHAREST, ROMANIAN ATHENAEUM
09 SEPTEMBER 2023
SIBIU, FILARMONICA DE STAT SIBIU
- SALA THALIA

Pierre-Laurent Aimard (piano)
István Várdai (cello, conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Ligeti: Ramifications for String Orchestra
Bartók: Piano Concerto No. 3 in E major Sz. 119
Enescu: String Octet in C major Op. 7 (arr. for string orchestra)



KODÁLY, HARTMANN, BARTÓK

27 SEPTEMBER 2023
NEUMARKT, FESTSAAL REITSTADEL

Pablo Barragán (clarinet)
István Várdai (cello, conductor)
Lajos Sárközy Ensemble

PROGRAMME:

Kodály: Hungarian Rondo - transcription for cello and string orchestra
Hartmann: Chamber Concerto for Clarinet, String Quartet and String Orchestra
Bartók: Divertimento
Weiner: Divertimento No. 1 op. 20



KRONBERG FESTIVAL

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

KRONBERG, CASALS FORUM, GRAND HALL

Kolja Blacher (violin)
Lajos Sárközy Ensemble
István Várdai (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Schubert: Quartettsatz in c minor for two violins, viola and violoncello
D 703 – Arr. for string orchestra

Hartmann: Concerto funèbre for violin and string orchestra

Tchaikovsky: Pezzo capriccioso in b minor for cello and orchestra op. 62

Kodály: Doppeltanz from “Kálló”

Popper: Hungarian Rhapsody for violoncello and piano op. 68

– Arr. István Várdai & Lajos Sárközy Ensemble

Weiner: Divertimento No. 1 op. 20



HUNGARIAN RHAPSODY

09 OCTOBER 2023
GRAN TEATRO NACIONAL, LIMA
11 OCTOBER 2023
SALA SÃO PAULO

Lajos Sárközy Ensemble
István Várdai (cello)

PROGRAMME:

Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances
Brahms: String Sextet No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 18, 2nd mvt
Weiner: Divertimento No. 1
Liszt-Péter Wolf: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2
Kodály: The Kálló Double Dance
Popper: Hungarian Rhapsody
Brahms: Hungarian Dances No. 1, 5, 6



THE IDYLIC AND THE IRREPRESSIBLE

25 OCTOBER 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

István Várdai (cello)
Gábor Takács-Nagy (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Janáček: Idyll for String Orchestra
Brahms: Liebeslieder Walzer (Love Songs Waltzes), Op. 52
– arranged for strings by Friedrich Hermann
Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104



FRANZ LISZT
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DIVERTIMENTO

01 NOVEMBER 2023
STADTCASINO, BASEL

02 NOVEMBER 2023
GENEVA, VICTORIA HALL

04 NOVEMBER 2023
CĚSIS CONCERT HALL

István Várdai (cello)
Lajos Sárközy Ensemble

PROGRAMME:

Bartók: Divertimento

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C major

Weiner: Divertimento No.1, op. 20

Kodály: The Kállai Double Dance

Popper: Hungarian Rhapsody

Brahms: Hungarian Dances No. 1, 6



LIGETI, BARTÓK

10 NOVEMBER 2023
MARIBOR, UNION HALL

Pierre-Laurent Aimard (piano)
András Keller (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances
Bartók: Piano Concerto No. 3 in E major
Ligeti: Ramifications for String Orchestra
Bartók: Divertimento



LISZT, HAYDN, MENDELSSOHN

22 NOVEMBER 2023
CSO ADA ANKARA ANA SALON

István Várdai (cello)

PROGRAMME:

Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances

Liszt: Angelus! - for string orchestra

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C major

Mendelssohn: Symphony No.4 in A major, Op. 90



SPANISH TOUR

26 NOVEMBER 2023

RIOJAFORUM, LOGROÑO

27 NOVEMBER 2023

AUDITORIO DE ZARAGOZA

28 NOVEMBER 2023

SOCIEDAD FILARMÓNICA DE BILBAO

29 NOVEMBER 2023

OVIEDO, AUDITORIO PRINCIPE FELIPE

30 NOVEMBER 2023

AUDITORIO KURSAAL, SAN SEBASTIAN

István Várdai (cello)

PROGRAMME:

Haydn: Cello Concerto in D major, No. 1, Hob. VIIIb:2

Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances

Mendelssohn: Symphony No.4 in A major, Op. 90



STRAVINSKY / WEBER / BEETHOVEN

03 DECEMBER 2023
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Matic Kuder (clarinet)
Andreas Ottensamer (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Stravinsky: Concerto in D

Weber: Clarinet Concerto in E flat major, Op. 74

Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 36



MUSIK DER MEISTER

10 FEBRUARY 2024
WIEN, MUSIKVEREIN

István Várdai (cello, conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Haydn: Cello Concerto in D major, No. 1, Hob. VIIIb:2

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C major, No. 2, Hob. VIIIb:1

Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 36



BEETHOVEN IN FOCUS 2/1

14 FEBRUARY 2024
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Sunwook Kim (piano)

PROGRAMME:

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major, Op. 58

Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92



BACH, MENDELSSOHN, ENESCU

14 MARCH 2024
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Leticia Moreno (violin)
István Várdai (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, BWV 1048

Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in e minor, op. 64

Enescu: String Octet in C major Op. 7 (arr. for string orchestra)



HEIDELBERG FESTIVAL

04 APRIL 2024

AULA OF NEUE UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG

István Várdai (cello, conductor)
Pablo Barragán (clarinet)
Lajos Sárközy Ensemble



PROGRAMME:

Kodály: Hungarian Rondo - transcription for cello and string orchestra

Hartmann: Chamber Concerto for Clarinet, String Quartet and String Orchestra

Bartók: Divertimento

Weiner: Divertimento No. 1 op. 20

BEETHOVEN IN FOCUS 2/2

17 APRIL 2024

LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Javier Perianes (piano)

PROGRAMME:

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major, Op. 15

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37



END OF THE YEAR CONCERT

05 MAY 2024
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Signum Saxophone Quartet
István Várdai (conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Schubert: String Quartet No. 12 in C minor "Quartettsatz" D703

Signum transcriptions from Bach chorales:

Was Gott tut, ist wohlgetan - for saxophone quartet and chamber orchestra

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland - for saxophone quartet

Sei Lob und Preis mit Ehren - for saxophone quartet and chamber orchestra

Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 - Signum transcription for saxophone quartet and chamber orchestra

Jörg Widmann: 180 Beats per Minute

Philip Glass: Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra
(Hungarian premiere)



TOUR IN TURKEY

06 JUNE 2024
ISZTAMBUL, İŞ TOWERS HALL
07 JUNE 2024
IZMIR, ADNAN SAYGUN HALL

Gulsin Onay (piano)
István Várdai (cello, conductor)

PROGRAMME:

Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 12 in A Major, K 414
Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2
U. C. Erkin: String Quartet (Arr. Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra)
Popper: Hungarian Rhapsody, op. 68
Weiner: Divertimento No. 1, op. 20



LISZT, SHOSTAKOVICH, BRAHMS

04 DECEMBER 2024
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Conductor:

István Várdai

Soloist and guest concertmaster:

Roman Simovic (violin)

PROGRAMME:

Liszt: Mephisto-Waltz No. 1. for string quartet

- transcription by Devich Sándor

Shostakovich: Sonata for Violin, Percussion and String Orchestra,
Op. 134 - transcription by Mikhail Zinman and Andrei Pushkarev

Brahms: String Quintet No. 2 in G Major, op. 111

- performed by string orchestra



A. MARCELLO, HAYDN, BEETHOVEN

23 JANUARY 2025
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:
Lucienne Renaudin Vary (trumpet)

PROGRAMME:

A. Marcello: Trumpet Concerto in D minor

Haydn: Symphony No. 49 in F Minor "La Passione", Hob. I: 49

Beethoven: Grosse Fuge in B-flat major, op. 133

Haydn: Trumpet Concerto in E-flat major, Hob. VIIe: 1



BACH, MENDELSSOHN

24 FEBRUARY 2025
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloists:

Abouzahra Amira,
Abouzahra Mariam (violin)
Conductor and soloist:
Dmitry Sitkovetsky (violin)

PROGRAMME:

Bach: Concerto for Three Violins in D major, BWV 1064R

Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in D minor

Bach: Goldberg Variations, BWV 988-re-arranged for violin
and string orchestra by Dmitry Sitkovetsky



VERESS, MUSSORGSKY

14 MAY 2025
LISZT ACADEMY, GRAND HALL

Soloist:
Zoltán Fejérvári (piano)

PROGRAMME:

Veress: Four Transylvanian Dances

Veress: Piano Concerto

Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition - arranged for strings and percussion



1 OCTOBER 2025
LISZT ACADEMY,
GRAND HALL

Lucas Macias Navarro (oboa)
István Várdai (cello)



14 DECEMBER 2025
LISZT ACADEMY,
GRAND HALL

Elisabeth Leonskaja (piano)



26 MARCH 2026
LISZT ACADEMY,
GRAND HALL

Kirill Trousov (violin)
Dénes Várjon (piano)
István Várdai (cello)



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15 MAY 2026
LISZT ACADEMY,
GRAND HALL

Kirill Gerstein (piano)



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