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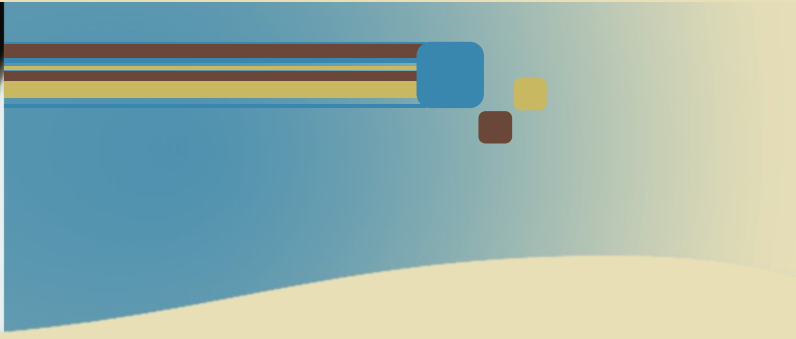
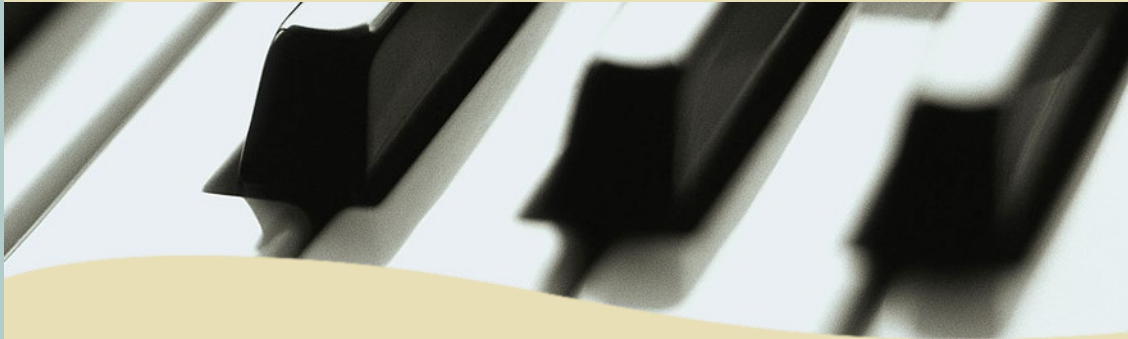


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BALÁZS BAKOS
MASTER
CLASSICAL
PIANIST





ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Balázs Bakos, a gifted musician, projects deep emotion and demonstrates superb technical skill. Since beginning his music education in his native Hungary at age six, Balázs has been identified as a unique and exceptional talent by his instructors, music school directors and classical music masters. From a long line of professional musicians, his grandfather remarked early on “You have gold in your fingers.”

From his first regional competition in elementary school to the prestigious 1992 Hungarian National Competition held between all of Hungary’s thirteen music conservatories, Balázs was consistently recognized as an outstanding pianist and gifted artist.

Recommended by highly acclaimed teacher Edith Ham-balko, Balázs studied under Gabor Nagy at the Hans Richter Conservatory of Music. Later, when Gabor advanced to Budapest to teach at the Leo Weiner and Bela Bartok conservatories, each regarded as among the best in Hungary, Balázs continued his studies simultaneously at both schools under Nagy.

In addition to several chamber concerts at the Festetics Castle, Franz Liszt Academy and other venues, Balázs gave an invited concert by radio broadcast in 1993. He captured the attention of classical master Gorgy Kukorelly who referred him to study at Conservatoire de Musique de Geneve in Switzerland, where he spent two years. Upon returning to Hungary, Balázs was tutored by renowned instructor Gabor Eckhardt and was accepted at the most prestigious conservatory – the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in 1996.

Balázs took a break from his music to begin a family. He now has four beautiful daughters, the youngest born March 29th, 2017, and a young son who are his greatest treasures. He lives with his wife, a local physician, here in Budapest. He returned to the piano in 2014 exclusively to entertain guests of Uniworld Boutique River Cruises.

PROGRAM

1. Mozart Sonata in A Maj. III Allegretto K.331
 “March of the Turks”
2. Beethoven Sonata ‘Quasi una fantasia’ Op 27 no 2
 Moonlight I, III
3. Chopin Nocturne Op. 72, No. 1 in E minor. Andante
4. Chopin Fantasie Impromptu Opus 66 in C sharp minor
5. Chopin Minute Waltz Op. 64 No. 1
6. Brahms Hungarian Dance No.5
7. Bartok Selections from Hungarian Dances & Folksongs

Lullaby
Open Your Gate, My Rose
Hungarian Dance
Weeping
Courtship
April Prank
Wrangler
Threnody (lament)
Hungarian Dance (reprise)
8. Liszt Liebesträume in A flat major "Dreams of Love"
9. Alabiev Liszt Le Rossignol "The Nightingale"
10. Liszt Rhapsody No. 6