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Born: Budapest, 1971. He graduated from Piarist Secondary *School* of Budapest in 1989, and obtained his degree in conducting at Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music as a student of Ervin Lukács in 1995.

Education:

Master of Music Conductor Franz Liszt Academy of Music, Budapest Degree 1995

Training Programs:

Master class: 1993, 1995: Jurij Szimonov

Music studies: violoncello, contrabass, piano, music theory

Competitions:

1994: Parma, Arthuro Toscanini Competition, 3. price

1995: Budapest, MTV National Conductor Competition, 3. price

Conductor:

- Since 1993 conducted the leading Symphony Orchestras in Hungary: the National Philharmonic Orchestra, the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra of the Hungarian Radio and Television, the Matáv Symphony Orchestra and the MÁV Symphony Orchestra
- Since 1993 Stage plays:

Hungarian State Opera House, Budapest Operetta and Musical Theatre, Hungarian Opera of Cluj-Napoca,

National Theatre of Szeged, National Theatre of Miskolc, Csokonai National Theatre in Debrecen, Szigliget Theatre in Szolnok, Petőfi Theatre in Veszprém, National Theatre of Győr, National Theatre of Pécs

- 1995-1997: the leader of the Hungarian Youth Radio Orchestra
- 1994-2001: guest conductor of the Hungarian State Opera
- Since 2001: conductor-in-residence of the Hungarian State Opera

Guest conductor:

Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, France, Italy, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Ukraine, Chile, China, Egypt, Japan, Oman, Peru

Music director:

- 1997 2002: founder and music director of the opera division of the **Miskolc National Theatre**
- 2001 2003: founder music director of the Bartók+ International Opera Festival
- 2002 2006: artistic director of the **BudaFest Summer Opera and Ballet Festival**
- 2005 2012: artistic director of the Szeged Open-Air Festival
- 2005 2006: music director at the **Hungarian State Opera**
- Since 2011 Director of the Bartók Plus Opera Festival

Certificate of merit:

2005 – Liszt Prize

2012 - Meritorious Artist

Directing:

- 1999: Miskolc National Theatre, G.Verdi: Rigoletto
- 2002: Miskolc National Theatre, G.Donizetti: L'elisir d'amore
- 2002: Bartók+ Opera Festival, Bartók B.: Bluebeard's Castle
- 2003: Hungarian State Opera, W.A.Mozart: **Don Giovanni**
- 2004: Szeged Open-Air Festival, G.Verdi: **Nabucco**
- 2008: Szeged Open-Air Festival, G.Puccini: **Turandot**
- 2013: Miskolc National Theatre: G.Verdi: Nabucco
- 2014: Csokonai National Theatre, Debrecen: G.Verdi: Nabucco
- 2015: Hungarian State Opera, G.Verdi: Nabucco
- 2015: Miskolc National Theatre, G.Puccini: Tosca

Experience:

More than 1500 performances conducted.