

VALENTIN MAGYAR

He started to play the piano at the age of six in his native town of Balassagyarmat in Northern Hungary. His special talent was immediately manifested, he won all the competitions of his age group, including the National Piano Competition of Nyíregyháza.

From 2013 he continued his studies in Budapest. In 2015, at the age of 14, he was admitted to the class of special talents at the prestigious Franz Liszt Music Academy, where he is now preparing for his master's degree with Dénes Várjon and Gábor Farkas and simultaneously in Berlin at the Hanns Eisler Music Academy with Kirill Gerstein. In 2020 he was winner of the Yamaha Competition and of the HCC Competition in New York. In 2021 he received third prize at the International Liszt Piano Competition in Weimar, Germany (no first prize was awarded), in the same year he received the Junior Prima Prize. In 2022 he was winner of the Zoltán Kocsis Prize awarded by the Kocsis-Hauser Foundation. In 2023 he received gold medal at the International Music Competition of Vienna, won the Concorde Prize as most talented student of the Liszt Academy, and received the prize of the Cziffra Festival in Hungary.

In spite of his young age he performs regularly in Hungary and abroad. In 2022 he was chosen from hundreds of students to be the soloist of the Jubilee Concert of the Franz Liszt Music Academy and received standing ovation in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.4. In 2023 he performed, among others, at the Liszt Academy in Budapest (Grieg Concerto), at Hungarian Radio, at the Kaposfest International Festival (sonata programme with Kristóf Baráti), in Germany (solo recitals in Ruhla, Gotha, Eisenach) and in Croatia. His upcoming commitments include his first CD (Rachmaninov) for the Hungaroton label, a chamber music series at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, an appearance at the Gödöllő Liszt Festival, as well as orchestral appearances and solo recitals in Brazil and China.