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## PROFILE

## PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

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Perhaps the greatest honor a composer may have, is to be a part of one of his son's film scores. And, for Árpád, it has occurred twice.

At the 89<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards Ceremony, *Sing* (Kristóf Deák, dir.), was presented with the Oscar for Best Live Action Short Film. The composer for the film was the distinguished Ádám Balázs. Included in the score was a famous and significant Hungarian children's' song "Elderflower (Bodzavirág)," composed by Ádám's father, Árpád Balázs.

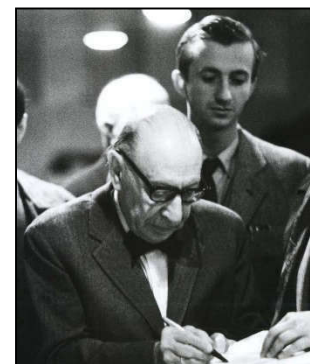
And, in 2020, Árpád and Ádám co-composed "Miserere mei, Deus," that was included in Adam's film score for *Spirál* (Cecilia Felméri, dir.).

Born in Hungary, Árpád graduated from the Franz Liszt Academy of Music (Budapest) in 1964, and was a student of Ferenc Farkas. This was followed by studies at Aram Khachaturian's masterclass in 1967. In 1970, he was then the recipient of a scholarship to study with Goffredo Petrassi—one of the most influential Italian composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century—in Rome.

As a freelance artist, Árpád received many prestigious recognitions. From 1973 to 1990, he was a member of the Bureau of the Hungarian Composers Association, where he was a Department Secretary, followed by Department President.

Between 1985 and 1990, Árpád was Vice-President of KÓTA, the Hungarian Association of Choirs and Orchestras. In 1990, he was the founding president of the Hungarian Blind Association, and after 1998, he became President Emeritus.

In 1996, together with 14 renowned associates, he founded the Hungarian Art Workshop. He led the Hungarian section of the World Music Association for ten years, to include international competitions at Brescia, Le Havre, Corciano-Perugia, Athens, Jastrzebie Zdroj. He became a permanent jury member and taught several master classes as a visiting professor at Palermo, Gorizia, Pardubice. In 2002 he was elected a regular member of the European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg.



Igor Stravinsky dedicates to Árpád, the sheet music of "Petruska," main theme.

In 1969 he won the SZOT prize, and in 1970, he was awarded the Erkel Award, the Distinguished Artist Award in 1981, the Presidential Golden Medal in 2000, the MSZOSZ Prize in 2001 and the Hungarian Heritage Prize in 2002. In the spring of 2002, in recognition of his outstanding creative work, he was elected a full member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts in Salzburg.

The towns of Letenye and Kiskunfélegyháza, presented him with the Honorary Citizen Award in 2002. And, in 2019, Árpád was presented with perhaps the most prestigious recognition of his work in the arts and with children. A school was named for him—The Balázs Árpád Elementary School for the Arts—in Kiskunfélegyháza.



Sándor Szokolay, Jr., Béla Bartók and Árpád Balázs at the 10th International Béla Bartók Festival in Debrecen (1982)

Árpád has won more than 50 awards in his domestic and international competitions. Among these are the top ten prizes awarded by the International Association of Radio and Television Associations, including Budapest, Prague, Karlovy Vary, Helsinki, Berlin, Moscow and Sofia. For three years he composed for and directed the Hungarian Broadcasting Television's highly acclaimed series of music programs, *Hang-sorozat*. In the 70s and 80s, he was the artistic director for the professional preparation and conducting of national children's orchestra festivals – Vác, Veszprém, Zánka. In addition to the jury of the events, the youth repertoire was enriched with new string and wind instrumental ensembles.

His compositions have been recommended for students learning to play the piano, and in the UK his piece, "Trudging," is one of the set performance pieces for the ABRSM Grade 1 Piano examination.

Árpád composed seven musical stage works, two oratorios, twelve cantatas, fifteen orchestral pieces, over two hundred choirs, stringers, chamber music, movie soundtracks, stage accompaniments, folk songwriting and pedagogical pieces, and three pedagogical books on music subjects.

Among his repertoire, there are four solo works of art and 50 domestic and foreign audio tracks. There are countless radio and Television recordings made of Árpád's works. In addition to Editio Musica in Budapest, several foreign publishers have also released his pieces, including such noted companies as Boosey and Hawkes (London-New York), Edizioni Suvini Zerboni (Milan), Shawnes Press Inc. (Pennsylvania), W.I.B.C. Publishing (Portland), Muzicsna Ukraina (Kiev), Izdatelstvo Muzika (Moscow), Latvian "Liesma" and Musikhojskolens Forlag (Denmark).

Árpád and his wife, Ágnes, reside in Budapest, Hungary.



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**“Variations for Winds” Choral Works Sampler**

## INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY RECOGNITIONS (Non-exhaustive list)

**2017 Academy Award, Best Live Action Short Film**  
“Sing,” Meteor-Filmstudio, Kristóf Deák, dir., Anna Udvardy, prod.  
Adam Balazs, composer – Árpád Balázs, soundtrack

**Hungarian Heritage Award  
Hungarian National Artist of Merit  
Gold Medal of the President of the Republic  
Ferenc Erkel Award  
SZOT Prize**

**Founder, Hungarian Art Workshop      Founding President, Hungarian Blind Association**

**Honorary Citizenship of Szentes      Honorary Citizenship of Letenye      Honorary Citizenship of Kiskunélegyháza  
Honorary Citizenship of Vonyarcvashegy      Honorary Citizenship of Balatonfüred**

**School Dedication - The Balázs Árpád Elementary School for the Arts, Kiskunfélegyháza, 2019**

## MOTION PICTURES

SPIRÁL (Soundtrack) Spirál Film	Cecilia Felméri, dir. Ernö Mesterházy, András Muhi, Mónika Mécs, prod
MINDENKI (SING) (Soundtrack) Meteor-Film <i>2017 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short</i>	Kristóf Deák, dir./prod. Anna Udvardy, prod.
SZVIT (Suite) Hungarian Pannónia Filmstúdió	Zsolt Richly, dir./prod.

## TELEVISION – ANIMATION

A KOCKÁSFÜLŰ NYÚL (THE RABBIT WITH THE PLAID EARS) (Multiples)  
Magyar Televisio      Zsolt Richly, dir./prod

SKAZKA ZA SKAZKOY (FAIRY TALE AFTER A FAIRY TALE) (Joint Production)  
A KECSKE ÉS A KOS (THE GOAT AND THE RAM) Hungarian Pannónia Filmstúdió, Árpád Balázs, comp. / Zsolt Richly, dir.  
ПИТЕР А ЧИРИ ЧИТЕР (PETER A CHEERY CHEATER) Soyuzmultfilm (USSR) Evgeniy Krylatov, comp. / Vladimir Pekar, Vladimir Popov, dirs.

**ALBUMS / SINGLES – COMPOSER / ARRANGER / MUSICIAN / PRODUCER (Non-Exhaustive List)**

- Ako Si Pupiljak Od Ruže (as B. Árpád)* Zvonko Bogdan - Hitovi, Hi-Fi Centar  
*Ako Si Ti Pupiljak Od Ruže (as Balázs Árpád)* Zvonko Bogdan - Tamburaški Orkestar Janike Balaža - Zvonko Bogdan, PGP RTB  
*Árpád Bálazs: „Ének A Vizen”* (“Song on the Water”) (Choral Works), Hungaroton Classic  
*Árpád Bálazs: Fúvósváltozatok, A duótól a Konszertfúvószenekarig* (Variations for Winds from Duo to Symphonic Band), Hungaroton Classic  
*Azt Hallottam Valamikor Rtges Rtgen*, Hungaroton  
*Baum Scholl Ich Sein, Wenn Du Die Blüte Bist and Eugen Farkas Und Seinem Ensemble - 51 Zigeunermelodien Mit Eugen Farkas Und Seinem Ensemble*, Ariola  
*Best of Communism, The, Selection of Revolutionary Songs, Various*, Hungaroton  
*Best of Communism II, Various*, Hungaroton
- Edesanyam Lelkem Bekopogok Nalad*, Hungaroton  
*Ej Uhnyem (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various - *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Ének A Dalról (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various, *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Ének A Vizen – Choral Works*, Hungaroton  
*Fa Leszek, Ha Fának Vagy Virága (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various - *Hűvösebb Van Már, Ősz Kezd Lenni* (Hungarian Songs), Qualiton  
*Fa Leszek, Ha Fának Vagy Virága (as Balázs Á.)*, *Lakatos Sándor És Zenekara - A Virtuóz Primás*, Qualiton  
*Gyere Haza Kincsem (as Balázs A.) Solthy Károly* - Famous Hungarian Folk Songs, Qualiton  
*Hang-sorozat: Children's Choir, Melody Instrument and Triangle*, Editio Musica Budapest  
*Hungarian Radio And Television Children's Chorus, László Csányi - European Nations' Children's Songs*, Hungaroton  
*Hungarian Rondo Concert Band Level 3.5*, Editio Musica Hungarian
- Ich Liebe Die Mainächte (Szeretnék Május Éjszakáján) (as A. Balázs)* Various - *Puřtacklänge - Original Ungarische Zigeunermusik*, Intercord Ton GmbH  
*Két Leánykar (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various - *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Két Orosz Népdal - Various - Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Kikeleti Napközöntő (Kórusdal Gyermekkarra Zongorakisérettel) (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various - *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Májusi Fény (as Balázs Á.)*, Various - *Dalol Az Ifjúság*  
*Memento (as Balázs Árpád)*, *Vándor Kórus - Dúdoló: A Vándor Kórus énekel* (Program of The Vándor Chorus), Hungaroton  
*Musica Piccala Dunai Vasmű Önkéntes Tűzoltó Zenekara - Szórakoztató Dallamok*, Hungaroton  
*My Leaf (Levelem, Levelem) Ferenc Sánta Jr. And His Gypsy Band - The Famous Primás - A Hires Primás*, Qualiton
- Ne Mogu Ti Ništa Osim Cvijeća Dati (as Á. Balázs)*, Various - *Prošlo Je, Prošlo...* (Romance), Jugoton  
*Órizzétek A Lángot (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various, *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Rácsos Kapu, Rácsos Ablak (as Balázs Á.) S. Bura Et Son Ensemble Tzigane, S. Vörös, L. Szalay, G. J. Kozák Et Leurs Tzigane, K. Oláh Et Leurs Tzigane - Budapest Et Son Danube*, Qualiton  
*Ružmarine, Moj Zeleni (as Á. Balázs) Zlatni Dukati - Lakše, Lakše, Moj Konjiću - Starogradska Pjesmarica*, Croatia Records  
*Song on the Water, Szeretem A Szilesz Utcát Friss Csárdás Zigeunerorkest Tatta Mirando, Nello Mirando Jr. - Een Avond In Budapest*  
*En Boekarest*, Classical Record International  
*Szeretnek Majus Ejszakajan Gjertruds Sigøynerorkester, Bente Kahan, Elias Akselsen - Jeg Er På Vandring*, Lærdal Musikkproduksjon
- Tavaszesen (Gyermekkantáták) (as Balázs Árpád)*, Various, *Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Three Choruses To Poems By Gyula Juhász - I) Song, II) Spring Landscape, III) Carillon*, Hungarian Radio And Television Chorus, Ferenc Sapszon - Contemporary Hungarian Choral Works, Hungaroton  
*Two Works For Female Voices: I) Farewell, II) Dancing Tune, Various - Éneklő Ifjúság* (Singing Youth), Hungaroton  
*Variations for Wind, from Duo to Symphonic Band*, Hungaroton  
*Volim Te Divne Majske Noći (as Á. Balázs) Zvonko Bogdan - Pesmo Stara, Ljubavi Moja*, PGP RTB  
*Volim Te Divne Majske Noći (Szeretnék Május Éjszakákon) (as Balázs Árpád) and Zvonko Bogdan*, PGP RTB  
*Vörösbe Fordult A Világ (as Balázs Árpád) and Magyar Állami Népi Együttes Ének- És Zenekara - Zengjük A Dalt! (Lassen Wir Das Lied Erklíngen)*, Qualiton
- WASBE 2015, San Jose, USA, July 17<sup>th</sup> Repertoire Session, New Edmonton Wind Symphonia, Various*, Mark Records  
*Yesterday The Doctor Enlisted Me, Various - Old Tunes, Famous Songs*, Qualiton  
*Zar Ti Ne Kaže Pisma Stara (as B. Árpád) and Radmila Bakočević - Najlepše Gradske Pesme*, Jugodisk  
*20 Bagatelles Two Clarinets Performance Score Series*, Editio Musica Budapest