

Kremer 75, Kremerata Baltica 25 May 14, 2022 Saturday 19:30 Liszt Academy

RAMINTA ŠERKŠENYTÉ: De profundis SCHNITTKE: Violin Concerto No. 4

--intermission--

BARTÓK: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, BB 114

TCHAIKOVSKY: Francesca da Rimini

Gidon Kremer violin Kremerata Baltica, Concerto Budapest

Conductor: András Keller

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PREMIER - Kremerata Baltica May 14, 2022 Saturday 22:00 Liszt Academy

Schubert–Raskatov–Serksnyte–Osokins–Kissine–Desyatnikov: Eine (andere) "Winterreise" - premiere in Hungary

Kremerata Baltica

Kremer 75, Kremerata Baltica 25 May 15, 2022 Sunday 19:30 Liszt Academy

JĖKABS JANČEVSKIS: Lignum

SCHUMANN: Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 129 (composer's arrangement of cello concerto)

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Hungarian Gems 4. May 19, 2022 Thursday 19:30 Pesti Vigadó

RÓZSA: Viola Concerto

-intermission-

BARTÓK: Four Orchestral Pieces, BB 64 LISZT: Promethius symphonic poem

Máté Szűcs viola

Concerto Budapest

Conductor: János Kovács

Three-times Oscar winner Miklós Rózsa lived, according to his own words, "a double life" because the former student of the Leipzig Conservatory was not only the film music composer on legendary Hollywood productions but composer of concert hall works as well. The Viola Concerto worked on between 1980 and 1984 offers a representative sample of this latter (and, sadly, underestimated) part of his career. It was first performed in public by Pinchas Zukerman, and for several years it has featured on the repertoire of the excellent Máté Szűcs. Béla Bartók wrote Four Orchestral Pieces between 1907 and 1912, and then nine years later he orchestrated the work with Italian movement titles; the inner pathway of the piece leads from music of nature through a grotesque pursuit and waltz reminiscences to the funeral march. "The musical character of the piece derives from the sorrow triumphant through its steadfastness of sublime power." This quote serves to characterize Ferenc Liszt's symphonic poem Prometheus, the third and concluding number of the programme conducted by János Kovács; it comes from the programme of the work in which his recognized partner Princess Carolyne Sayn-Wittgenstein also had a hand.