

# Biography

András Csáki was born in Budapest 1981, and began to play the guitar at the age of 11. In 1996 he was admitted to the Béla Bartók Conservatory of Music, and in the year of 2002 he continued his studies at Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest, where he graduated with honor in 2007. He has been awarded the "Junior Prima 2009 Prize". "Márciusi Ifjak Prize" in 2010.

He was taught by the best Hungarian guitar professors, such as József Eötvös, Ede Roth and Sándor Szilvágyi. Since 1995 András has been a regular participant of international master classes all over the world, including master classes held by Odair Assad, Manuel Barrueco, Leo Brouwer, Abel Carlevaro, Costas Cotsiolis, Aniello Desiderio, Zoran Dukic, Pablo Marquez, Thomas Müller-Pering, Judicaël Perroy, Angel Romero, David Russell, Kovács Barna and Vásáry Tamás.

András's international career started in 1999 after winning the XXVI. "Dr. Luis Sigall" International Musical Competition in Chile . This prestigious contest brought him a large number of concert opportunities, he played recitals in Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Poland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Venezuela and the United States. Since that time he has taken part in numerous international competitions. Until the year of 2011 he received 23 prizes, among others he was awarded with the first prize in the 51st Tokyo International Guitar Competition in 2008, in the 42nd "Michele Pittaluga" Guitar Competition in Alessandria, Italy 2009 and in 2011 in the Nikita Koshkin International Guitar Competition in Calcutta, India. He was second in the GFA International Concert Artist Competition in the USA and in the 45th Francesco Tárrega International Guitar Competition in Spain.

Besides solo recitals, he is also devoted to chamber music. As András is one of the most active players of his generation, he is often asked by various violinists, singers and cellists to take part in different chamber music performances. He has also had several opportunities to play guitar concertos with symphonic orchestras in Hungary and abroad.

His first CD, "My Favourite Pieces" is released in 2009 containing compositions by Bach, Giuliani, Barrios, Morel, Farkas and Castelnuovo-Tedesco. His second CD is realised in Canada, by Naxos in 2010.

András began to teach in 2005. Since September of the same year, he has been a guitar teacher at Béla Bartók Conservatory of Music, and he is assistant professor at Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest. He gave his first master classes in Dallas (USA) in 2005, since that time he has frequently been asked to give master classes in various countries, such as Estonia, France, Greece, Romania and his native Hungary.

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