



ZSUZSANNA GRÁF

BIOGRAPHY

Zsuzsanna Gráf graduated as a pianist, music teacher and conductor at Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest, Hungary.

In 1989, being still an entrant, she was entrusted with the task to establish a class specialised in music at Városmajor Secondary school, Budapest. At the same time she founded Angelica Girls' Choir, whose members basically were the students of the specialised classes.

She has been leading the specialised classes at Városmajor Secondary School for over 25 years,

(where she teaches solfeggio, music theory and folk music) and she also works as the mentor of the Music Academy students directing their school practice.

Besides, Zsuzsanna Gráf teaches at Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest, and she is a regular visiting professor of IUNA Music University, Buenos Aires. As a dedicated supporter and teacher of Hungarian Kodály-method, she regularly gives lectures; performs conductor seminars and courses; travels as a guest conductor all over the world (Japan, France, Belgium, South America) and she is a respected juror at international choir festivals.

Zsuzsanna Gráf has shown an outstanding achievement with her choir: *Angelica Girls' Choir*, and she was awarded with several conductor prizes and awards. The choir has participated in numerous choir competitions with tremendous success in the past 25 years. They came first at the international choir competitions of Debrecen (Hungary), Arezzo and Rome (Italy), Neerpelt (Belgium), Tolosa (Spain) and Cork (Ireland). They won the gold medal in the 10th Choir Olympics in Athens (Greece). Furthermore, they toured in North- and South America, Japan and Europe. They sang in the Notre-Dame Cathedral (Paris), Saint Peter's Cathedral (Rome), Saint Michael's Cathedral (Brussels) and in the European Parliament. They are regular participants of the Spring Festivals, Budapest, they sing in prestigious concert halls (the Concert Hall of the Academy of Music, Budapest Music Centre, Palace of Arts, Festetics Palace) and in the greatest churches of Budapest (Saint Stephen's Basilica, Matthias Church). Angelica Girls' Choir gives concerts with outstanding musicians and orchestras, such as Andrea Vigh, Gergely Bogányi, Ildikó Cserna, Budapest Festival Orchestra, The Symphonic Orchestra of the Hungarian Radio, Dohnányi Orchestra, Danubia Orchestra, Budapest String Orchestra and Honvéd Choir. The voice of the choir is preserved through radio and television recordings and they have released seven CDs.

Zsuzsanna Gráf is a dedicated interpreter of Hungarian contemporary composers. She conducted more than thirty world premieres: music pieces for female voices.

Zsuzsanna Gráf has been given Artisjus Award three times. Moreover, she was awarded Liszt Ferenc Award in 2007, the Hungarian Heritage Award in 2009, Bartók-Pásztory Award in 2013, and, with her choir, PRIMA Award in 2014.