

ANNOUNCEMENT - INTERNATIONAL CHORAL CONDUCTING MASTERCOURSE

The Hungarian National Choir is happy to announce their upcoming international conducting mastercourse for young conductors. The course is held by Mr. Gary Graden, director of choral music in Stockholm Cathedral (Storkyrkan) and by the director of the Hungarian National Choir, Mr. Csaba Somos.

Time: 29 January, 2021 - 2 February, 2021 Budapest (arrival date: on 28 January; departure date: 3 February)

Venue: Rehearsal Room of the Hungarian National Choir in Müpa Budapest, Hungary

Following a successful application process, four gifted candidates will be invited to take part in the mastercourse as active participants, learn under the baton of the internationally acclaimed Prof Graden and work with Hungary's most prominent oratorio choir. The language of the course is English.

The mastercourse can also be attended by up to 20 passive participants.

Course repertoire:

- Joseph Rheinberger: Mass in E-flat/ Kyrie, Gloria
- Johannes Brahms: Vier Gesänge Op. 92.
- Felix Mendelssohn: Richtete mich Gott
- Zoltán Kovács : Ave Maria
- János Vajda : Mark the Music

Having concluded a four-day rehearsal period, active participants will give a public concert featuring the repertoire of the mastercourse in the Grand Hall of the Liszt Academy on 2 February, 2021.

The most successful participant of the course - based on the majority vote by secret ballot of the members of the Hungarian National Choir - will be given the opportunity to take to the podium in the 2021/22 season of the ensemble.

Requirements for course participation:

- B.A. or M.A. in choir/orchestra conducting
- profound familiarity with the repertoire of the masterclass
- age under 35 years (born after 31 October, 1985)

In the selection process of active participants, we prioritise young graduated candidates with conducting experience gained in public concerts.

English-language applications are to be sent to mastercourse@filharmonikusok.hu and must include the following:

for active participation:

- CV (in English, with photo and contact details, no longer than 2 pages)
- copy of the B.A. or M.A. diploma

- a 15-minute conducting video uploaded on a video-sharing platform (e.g. vimeo, YouTube), where the candidate can be observed thoroughly while conducting
- for passive participation:**
- CV (in English, with photo and contact details, no longer than. 2 pages)
 - copy of the B.A. or M.A. diploma
 - cover letter

Application deadline:

for active participation: 30 October, 2020

for passive participation: 30 November, 2020

Participation fee:

for active participation: € 300

for passive participation: € 150

Incurring travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the participants. The organisers are happy to help participants with the selection and reservation of their accommodation in Budapest.