

Concert to Commemorate the Opening of the Hungary Culture Center

“Friends of Liszt Academy of Music”



Hungary Culture Center
(next to the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary)
<http://src-h.slav.hokudai.ac.jp/hungary/index.html>

Saturday October 6, 2007 14:00

Josai University Corporation Tokyo Kioi-Cho Campus

Organizer: Hungary Culture Center

(Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Japan, Japan-Hungary Friendship Association,
Josai University Corporation, Hokkaido University Slavic Research Center, etc.)

Co-Organizer: Gifu Hungary Friendship Association

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On June 19, 2007 an opening ceremony was held at the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Japan to mark the establishment of Hungary Culture Center located next to the Embassy. The Center was established by Josai University Corporation (Chancellor Noriko Mizuta) and Hokkaido University Slavic Research Center (leda Research Office, professor: Osamu Ieda) in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Japan (then ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary: Gyula Dabronaki), the Japan-Hungary Friendship Association (chairman of the board: Yoshitomo Tanaka), etc., in accordance with the purport of the Japan-Hungary Cooperation Forum.

Hungary has a long tradition of producing many highly talented people in a wide range of fields such as sciences, arts and crafts. While its accession to the EU (2004) and its high economic growth have attracted attention, in recent years, interaction with Japan is expected to exceed cultural and economic boundaries and increase more and more in the future. The Hungary Culture Center focuses on partnerships with their parent bodies and combines the strengths of interested parties from various circles based on the shared aim of contributing to the mutual understanding, exchange and development of each other's culture and academia. The Center has welcomed Yoshitomo Tanaka, chairman of the board of the Japan-Hungary Friendship Association (former Ambassador to Hungary) as its representative, and has been set up within the same building as the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Japan.

In the future, through the cooperation of a wide range of experts from both countries, the Hungary Culture Center intends, amongst other activities, to accumulate, consolidate and publish data and information relating to Hungary, and to transmit information through their website, as well as to plan and hold various kinds of events.

To celebrate the opening of the Hungary Culture Center we have invited two outstanding musicians who studied at the Liszt Academy of Music to perform a commemorative concert. We hope you enjoy listening to music from Hungary, a country steeped in history and art.

Program

Date Saturday, October 6, 2007

Doors open at 13:30 Performance starts at 14:00

Performance ends at 16:00

A social gathering has been arranged for after the performance (approximately one hour, with wine supplied by the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary)

Performers **Yoshiko HAGIWARA**
(Violin, graduate of the Liszt Academy of Music, Okoun Ensemble)

Sayaka WADA
(Piano, diploma from the Liszt Academy of Music, one of the second group of graduates from the master's course)

Program

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.....Violin Sonata No. 25 in G major K. 301
- Vittorio Monti.....Csárdás
- Zoltán Kodály.....Dances of Marosszék
- Béla Bartók.....Rhapsody for Violin and Piano No. 1
- Edvard Hagerup Grieg.....Violin Sonata No. 3 in C minor, Op. 45

Profile of Performers



Yoshiko Hagiwara (Violin)

Born in Tokyo, Yoshiko Hagiwara studied at the Franz Liszt Conservatory in Budapest on a scholarship from the Hungarian government following graduation from middle school. Upon graduating first in her class in 1989, she taught at that institution for two years as an assistant to her teacher Dénes Kovács, teaching younger students. Up to 1999 she was a member of the Budapest Festival Orchestra. Ms Hagiwara now resides in Salzburg and Tokyo, performing with the Salzburg Mozarteum Camerata Academica and the Tokyo Ensemble in addition to solo and chamber music performances. Ms Hagiwara presently teaches at the AMADE Music School Tokyo.

<http://www.amadeschool.com/>



Sayaka WADA (Piano)

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from the Music Department of the Senzoku Gakuen College of Music and then went on to complete a majors program at the same College. Completed the diploma course at the Liszt Academy of Music. Awarded second place in the senior division at the 9th Kanagawa Music Competition.

Attended the Gifu Liszt Academy of Music Masters Course and was selected to join the Liszt Academy of Music by the study abroad selection committee. Studied at the Liszt Academy of Music between 1999 and 2001 on a scholarship from the Hungarian government. Awarded a special award at the 3rd International Liszt-Bartok Competition. Member of the Japan Federation of Musicians and instructor at the Senzoku Gakuen College of Music.

http://www.geocities.jp/sayakawada_pf/