

## CELLISSIMO Academy International Masterclasses, Budapest 2022



The **Cellissimo Academy Masterclasses** will be held between **23rd October and 30th October 2022**. The Masterclasses takes place in Budapest, a stunning city with a rich architectural and historical heritage, under the direction of Péter Szabó. By exploring the philosophical, poetic, religious and social settings of individual compositions, the CELLISSIMO Academy strives to encourage the kind of musical performance in which the technique becomes the servant of imagination, of distilled emotion, and of concepts of order. Students enrolled in the CELLISSIMO Academy Budapest Mastersclasses can receive **five private** lessons from **internationally renowned musicians** and play concerts with their colleagues and professors. All this at a reasonable price with extra courses. **Virginie Robilliard** graduated from the Juilliard School in 1993, as a student of Dorothy Delay. She was Young Laureate of the Long-Thibaud International Competition and the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. **She** is professor at the Haute École de Musique in Lausanne Switzerland since 2015. **Márta Ábrahám** is one of the most versatile violinists of the generation. She is the founder and concertmaster of Early Music Ensemble Ábrahám Consort, baroque music specialist, Bach analyst and professor at the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest. The focus of her activity is the research and performance of J. S. Bach's works for solo violin. She gives concerts, and lectures, and performs worldwide. Her mission is to bring the unparalleled richness of Bach's musical language as close as possible to her students and audience. **István Lajkó** graduated with honors in 2007 from the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music. Then, in 2014, he received there a doctorate in summa cum laude. He has won a number of prestigious prizes home and abroad and in 2010 he was honored with the prestigious Junior Prima Prize. He is currently an associate professor at the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music and a senior lecturer at the Cologne College of Music and Dance. **Ildikó Szabó** is already a cello-institution in her home country Hungary. She released her first CD at the age of 14. In 2007 world renowned cello virtuoso János Starker attested to the exceptional talent and budding international potential of fellow Hungarian cellist Ildikó Szabó. In the mean time Ildikó Szabó has lived up to this claim. She has won prizes at 16 international competitions based in Europe, including at the International Pablo Casals Cello Competition (Hungary) in 2014 at which she won a total of eight prizes. She received Junior Prima Prize in 2013 and Annie Fischer Performing Arts Scholarship in 2020. In September 2020, she released a new CD entitled "Heritage". **Péter Szabó** is the principal cellist of the world-famous Budapest Festival Orchestra. He studied at the Music Academy in Cluj, then at the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest as a student of László Mező, Ferenc Rados and György Kurtág.

