



## Hungarian Chamber Orchestra

The Hungarian Chamber Orchestra was founded in October 2011. Its members mostly belong to the younger generation, though they have a great orchestral experience, as many of them are members or leaders of professional Hungarian symphony orchestras – e.g. Hungarian Radio Symphonic Orchestra, Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra, Dohnányi Orchestra Budafok – and world famous quartets.

Most musicians of the orchestra were playing in the Budapest Strings Chamber Orchestra for a long time, and many of them are professors at the Hungarian Music Academy. The Hungarian Chamber Orchestra's leader, Béla Bánfalvi (Liszt prize and Bartók-Pásztory prize winner violinist) was playing as the leader of the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra 1979-1982, was a member of the Bartók Quartet 1982-1985, then he was leading the Budapest Strings Chamber Orchestra for 25 years. As a soloist, quartet member and orchestra leader he made more than 50 recordings.

The orchestra frequently plays with the world famous violinist Kristóf Baráti, winner of the Paganini Competition Moscow, 2010. The orchestra's debut concert was held in January 2012, with the participation of Kristóf Baráti.

The Hungarian Chamber Orchestra's goal is to carry on the Hungarian strings traditions and spreading music culture in Hungary and abroad. They are planning to organise concert all over the world with Hungarian and world famous soloists.