

About the Artist

István Ruppert is professor of organ at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary. Born in 1954, his first degree was earned in mechanical engineering. During this time he was also a member of a professional soccer team. Immediately after obtaining his degree in organ in 1987 he was appointed as organ teacher at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music. While the organ repertoire he performs spans works from Frescobaldi to Messiaen, he is particularly an advocate of contemporary Hungarian music.

Mr. Ruppert has made eight solo organ CD recordings. He has performed throughout Europe, Japan, and Brazil. In the United States he has performed in New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas and Iowa. He has given master classes centering on the organ works of Franz Liszt in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Japan and the U.S. including the 2002 American Guild of Organists Convention in Philadelphia.

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PROGRAM

Sonata D-minor, op.60 Max Reger
(1873-1916)

Praetorius Variations Jesper Madsen
(1957-99)

~ Intermission ~

Toccata Frigyes Hidas
(1928)

Magnificat VIII. toni Brassai Croner
(17.century)

Epigrammes Zoltán Kodály
(1883-1967)

Mozart Changes Zsolt Gárdonyi
(1946)

Sonata II. István Koloss
(1932)

Rhapsody

Romance

Rondo

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A reception will follow the performance in the Fireside Room

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