

Prelude Mixed Choir – Budapest, Hungary



A biography

The history of the choir dates back to 1950 when it was founded by a group of students of the University of Economics (now Corvinus University of Budapest) and conducted by a former student. In 1991 the choir was reorganised by Sándor Kabdebó, under the name “Prelude”. Since its foundation the choir has contributed greatly to the Hungarian choral tradition and has regularly participated in competitions and festivals.

(The choir’s most notable achievements were winning 3rd prize at the Bartók Béla International Choir Competition, Debrecen, in 1996 and 2000, the International Choir Competition, Spittal, Austria in 1999 and the Neuchatel International Choral Festival in 2014, as well as 2nd prize and golden diploma – jointly with Óbuda Chamber Choir – at the Budapest International Choir Competition in 2005. The choir’s most important home success is the 1st prize of the Kodály Zoltán 5th and 7th Hungarian Choir Competition in 2009 and 2015, together with the Grand Prix and the audience award on the latter occasion.)

In addition to taking part in festivals and competitions the choir regularly gives concerts in Hungary, as well as broadcasting on Hungarian Radio, and also performs, either alone or jointly with other choirs, choral works with orchestra. *Prelude* also has extensive international connections. It has accepted invitations to perform in France, Austria, the Czech Republic, Spain, Italy, Serbia and Romania.