

Pannon Cigányzenekar

Hungarian Royal Gypsy Orchestra | English

Short introduction

Founded in 2006, Pannon Cigányzenekar brings the grand orchestral tradition of Hungarian Gypsy music to the stage. Known internationally as the Hungarian Royal Gypsy Orchestra, the ensemble draws on classical music, Hungarian popular and folk songs, operetta and film scores. Its performances combine instrumental virtuosity with expressive melodies and the energy of making music together. With experience on stages in Hungary and abroad, the musicians seek to share this heritage with audiences and future generations through a living concert experience.

Full orchestra biography

Pannon Cigányzenekar was founded in 2006 by sixteen musicians. It preserves the classic grand orchestral sound of Hungarian Gypsy music and brings it to today's audiences. Its international name, Hungarian Royal Gypsy Orchestra, represents the same musical community on stages abroad.

The orchestra includes artists who have also gained experience with the Rajkó Orchestra, the 100-Member Gypsy Orchestra and other prominent ensembles. The combination of strings, cimbalom and wind instruments allows individual soloists to shine while retaining the richness of the full ensemble.

Its repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Hungarian popular and folk songs, traditional Gypsy songs, operetta selections, film music and virtuoso solo pieces. Alongside Liszt and Brahms, programmes feature compositions by Dinicu, Sarasate and Imre Kálmán, as well as melodies by Morricone and Nino Rota. Spirited dances and lyrical works offer a varied musical experience.

Hungarian performance venues have included the Pesti Vigadó, the MOM Cultural Centre, the Uránia National Film Theatre and the Royal Palace of Gödöllő. Performances in Prague, Graz and Thessaloniki also form part of the orchestra's international stage experience.

For Pannon Cigányzenekar, preserving tradition also means passing music on. The ensemble seeks to introduce younger generations to the values of Hungarian Gypsy music and to make each concert a shared experience for musicians and listeners. Programme and production options for its different ensemble sizes are discussed with event organisers.

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