

Roby Lakatos

Friday, April 5, 2019 at 8:00pm

This is the 929th concert in Koerner Hall

Roby Lakatos, violin
Jenő Lisztes, cimbalom
Vilmos Csikos, bass
Kálmán Cséki, piano
László Balogh, guitar
László Boni, violin

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Roby Lakatos is not only a virtuoso on the violin, but also an extremely versatile musician who is equally adept to performing classical music, jazz, and the folk idiom of his home country of Hungary.

He is hard to define: most often, he is described as a Roma violinist, a devil's fiddler, classical master, jazz improviser, composer, and arranger – and his unique artistic personality is all that.

Lakatos is a universal musician combining brilliant technique that makes him one of the best violinists in the world with creativity in improvisation and composing power.

One of the novel aspects of Roby Lakatos's music is the instrumentation of his ensemble, which includes two violins, double bass, guitar, piano, and cimbalom – an elaborate Eastern European stringed instrument played with special mallets. Today, his ensemble is composed of young virtuoso musicians with classical musical education who are also well versed in the folklore tradition of Hungarian Roma people.

Lakatos currently takes a leading role in production of the project Lakatos Rock Tales. The idea behind the project is to travel through the chronological evolution of rock music from the 1960s. The music of that decade was so fertile and enthralling with a new sound that it galvanized millions of young people around the world and made artists interact in new and exciting ways, which continues to this day. The originality of this musical program is based on the cooperation and unique sound produced by musicians who, despite coming from different musical genres (classical, jazz, rock, traditional Roma style) found the common language of music: iconic pop-rock songs in a unique form full of fantasy and improvisation.

Roby Lakatos made his Royal Conservatory debut on March 10, 2010, during Koerner Hall's inaugural season.

