

János S. Darvas - Biography

János S. Darvas was born 1948 in Santiago de Chile, several months before his parents - Hungarians who had emigrated to South America - returned to their country.

From 1965 to 1969 he studied music at the Béla Bartók Conservatory in Budapest. In 1969 he immigrated to Germany, settling in Cologne, where he studied percussion with Christoph Caskel until 1973, while at the same time collaborating with Karlheinz Stockhausen.

Since 1980 he has worked as an independent television director specializing in classical music.

He has written and directed the following documentaries, among others:

Mendelssohn, His Last Journey
WDR/SWF 1980

Friedrich Gulda - A Portrait
LOFT 1981

Paderewsky - Pianist and Prime Minister
WDR 1984

Zoltán Kocsis - A Portrait
WDR 1987

But for Women - Dr. Brahms. Johannes Brahms
Metropolitan 1996

Antonio Pappano - A Portrait
Metropolitan 2000

György Kurtág - Master Class
Metropolitan 2000

Igor Stravinsky: Composer
Metropolitan 2001

The Hungarian Touch
Idéale Audience 2002

Paul Abraham
WDR/arte 2008

The Genius of Haydn
WDR/arte 2009

Coming Home
EuroArts 2011

Other key activities of János S. Darvas are multicamera productions for the screen: live broadcasts and recordings of concerts, opera and theatre performances for television, DVD, Blu-ray, cinema and the internet.

He has worked in Vienna, Salzburg, Berlin, Bayreuth, Cologne, Munich, Rome, Paris, Bruxelles, London, Madrid, Budapest, Prague, New York, Washington D.C., Chicago, Buenos Aires and Tel Aviv.

János S. Darvas has directed numerous programs with the following artists, among others:

Claudio Abbado, Francisco Araiza, Martha Argerich, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Agnes Baltsa, Daniel Barenboim, Elena Bashkirova, Joshua Bell, Pierre Boulez, Sergiu Celibidache, Kyung Wha Chung, James Conlon, Plácido Domingo, James Galway, Daniele Gatti, Andrej Gawrilow, Alan Gilbert, Friedrich Gulda, Nicolaus Harnoncourt, Philippe Herreweghe, Janine Jansen, Neeme Järvi, Kim Kashkashian, Evgeny Kissin, Zoltán Kocsis, Katia & Marielle Labèque, Erich Leinsdorf, Gilbert Levine, James Levine, Radu Lupu, Lorin Maazel, Kurt Masur, Zubin Mehta, Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, Shlomo Mintz, Roger Norrington, Seiji Ozawa, Krzysztof Penderecki, Itzhak Perlman, Lucia Popp, André Previn, Simon Rattle, Dezső Ránki, Helmuth Rilling, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, András Schiff, Christian Thielemann, Michael Tilson Thomas, Jeffrey Tate, Mitsuko Uchida, Maxim Vengerow, David Zinman

Cleveland Quartet, Emerson Quartet, Keller Quartet, Takács Quartet, 12 Cellisten der Berliner Philharmoniker

Berliner Philharmoniker, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra, European Community Youth Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Mahler Chamber Orchestra, Mozarteum-Orchester Salzburg, Münchner Philharmoniker, New York Philharmonic, Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Orchestra of Saint Luke's, Philharmonia Orchestra London, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Russian National Orchestra, WDR Sinfonieorchester, Wiener Philharmoniker

Michael Brecker, Miles Davis, Bobby McFerrin, Stephane Grappelli, Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Carlos Santana, Cecil Taylor, The Modern Jazz Quartet, Wayne Shorter, McCoy Tyner, Joe Zawinul.

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