

The Music of Zoltán Kodály

Concert and Demonstration, hosted by Sonoma Takaj Sister Cities
November 4, 2023

Reflection: Marni Strome



On Saturday, Nov. 4, the [Sonoma-Tokaj Sister Cities](#) hosted "The Music of Zoltán Kodály" at Burlingame Hall in Sonoma. Organized by János Horváth ([KFME Honorary Board](#)), this event was an enjoyable afternoon of entertainment and education.

The afternoon began with wine and cheese, with a choice of round tables or audience seating for the presentation. János Horváth gave an entertaining and informative talk about Kodály the ethnomusicologist, educator and composer, accompanied by a wonderful slideshow compiled by Ebolya Ligotti. Also included was a teaching demonstration with the guest children's choir [Young Musicians Chorus](#) (YMC) and audience members.

Marni Strome ([KFME Board](#)) spoke about her experience as a student in the summer school and masters programs at the Kodály Center at Holy Names, and how this education had changed her life as a musician and teacher.

[Betsy Marvit](#), (Artistic Director YMC), Betsy Marvitt and János Horváth encouraged audience singing through a demonstration of solfège and other tools of music education inspired by the Kodály approach.

The Young Musicians Chorus then sang for the audience, which included all singing "Esti Dal" (Zoltán Kodály). The afternoon was rounded off beautifully with a stellar piano performance by [Dr. Hyunjoo Chung](#), who played Kodály's "Marosszeki Tancok" ("Dances of Marosszek").

With gratitude, the KFME extends thanks to János Horváth, Joan Toth, Sylvia Toth, and all the Sonoma-Tokaj Sister Cities Committee members for their huge effort in bringing this all together so successfully.



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János Horváth ([Honorary Board, KFME](#)) presents at "The Music of Zoltán Kodály" hosted by the [Sonoma-Tokaj Sister Cities](#) committee in Sonoma.

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[Young Musicians Chorus](#) (YMC) with [Betsy Marvit](#), (Artistic Director YMC) perform at "The Music of Zoltán Kodály" hosted by the [Sonoma-Tokaj Sister Cities](#) committee in Sonoma.

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[Dr. Hyunjoo Chung](#) (piano) performing at "The Music of Zoltán Kodály" hosted by the [Sonoma-Tokaj Sister Cities](#) committee in Sonoma.

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