



THE BANCHIERI SINGERS

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

- **Ildikó Földesi**
soprano
- **Olga Major**
soprano
- **László Leányvári**
countertenor
- **Szilárd Szilágyi**
tenore
- **Soma Szabó**
bariton
- **Gábor Nagy**
bass

CD'S OF THE GROUP:

- **BANCHIERI SINGERS**
- **MUSICA**
- **LILIODDAL**
- **AZ ILLÉS SZEKERÉN**
- **EAST & WEST**
- **L'ANIMA SPIRO**

THE NEW CD'S:

- ⇒ György Orbán choral works

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THE HISTORY OF THE BANCHIERI SINGERS

The members of the Banchieri Singers are former pupils of a singing and music specialised school called Zoltán Kodály Primary School, where they sang in CANTEMUS Children's choir led by Dénes Szabó. After finishing this school -in 1988 - they formed their own group.

They regularly give concerts in Hungary, in most countries of Europe and in Japan. On their concerts can be heard madrigals from the renaissance period and church music, contemporary Hungarian music and arrangements of popular music and their own arrangements. Their first cassette came out in 1995, then a year later their first CD was published by the Japanese HARMONIA Ltd. They made two CD-s in 1998. ("Musica", "Liliomdal"), and next year made another one ("On the cart of the Illés"). In 2000 they had new recordings ("East & West"). Their newest CD ("L'anima Spiro") was made in 2002.

The Banchieri Singers regularly participates in master courses and they themselves organise professional continuation courses. In 1991 in Vienna - then in 1992 and 1996 in Budapest, in 2001 in London they took part in Jeremy Jackman and Alastair Thompson's - the King's Singers former countertenor and founder tenor - master course. In 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2002 Alastair Thompson, Grayston „Bill” Ives, Rebecca Stewart (Capella Pratensis), Sally Dunkley and Francis Steele (The Tallis Scholars) held their professional continuation course.

They successfully participated in a number of national and international competitions.

After winning the category competitions in the International Choir's Competition in Coccaglio, Arezzo (Italy), Tolosa (Spain), in 1996 the choir also won the Grand Prix of the chambers choirs category in the XVII. Béla Bartók International Choir Competition in Debrecen.

The Banchieri Singers deliberately accepts Zoltán Kodály's intellectual heritage and has been undertaking the task of popularising his music pedagogy since their establishment. Through their work they would like to make this form of joint singing possible for everyone to enjoy and to make it popular. That's why they chose one of their denominators, Adriano Banchieri's, thoughts as their slogan:

„As well as serious dramatic works people need joy, pieces providing light entertainment. Do one of them well and enjoy the other.”
