

KATALIN FORRAI 100

International Centenary Conference



25 September 2026 • ELTE Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education, Budapest

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks Prof. Dr Ildikó Horn (Hungary) Vice-Rector for Research, Eötvös Loránd University Dr Éva Márkus (Hungary) Dean, Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE TÓK) Dr Jerry L. Jaccard (USA) President, International Kodály Society (IKS)
	<i>Common Singing</i>
10:00	Keynote Address Gilbert De Greeve (Belgium) Former President, International Kodály Society (IKS) Katalin Forrai – A World-Ambassador of Early Music Education and a Lifetime Kindergarten Teacher <i>The Children Are Singing</i> Film Excerpt from 'Énekelnek a gyerekek' (1961)
	The Exceptional Contribution of Katalin Forrai in Hungary and in the World
10:30	The Master Is Still Teaching Helga M. Dietrich (Hungary) Retired lecturer, ELTE TÓK; member, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)
11:30	Katalin Forrai's Influence on Early Childhood Education and Educators in the United States Kelly Foster Griffin (USA) Member, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee, Past President of Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE)
12:00	<i>Lunch Break¹</i>

¹ You are welcome to visit the Katalin Forrai Memorial Hall (2nd floor, Room 205) throughout the day.

Common Singing

13:00

- **Katalin Forrai in Canada: A Personal Reflection from Toronto, Ontario**

Mary Stouffer (Canada)

Chair, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)

13:30

- **The Legacy That Sings: Celebrating 100 Years of Katalin Forrai, Interview with Judy Johnson**

Gail Godfrey (Australia)

Member, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)

13:50

From Budapest, Csobánc utca to Australia:

A Psychologist's Research Adventures Inspired by Katalin Forrai

Prof. Dr Magda Kalmár (Hungary)

Professor Emerita, ELTE Faculty of Education and Psychology (ELTE PPK)

Archival Film Footage

Excerpt from a 1979 newsreel.

14:45

Coffee Break

15:15

Memories from Music Educators and Former Colleagues

- **Reflections on their professional relationship with Katalin Forrai**

Among those sharing their memories:

Zsuzsa Egyed, Ilona Gálné Gróh, Judit Hartyányi, Alojzia Laczkóné Pálfi

16:00

- **Messages and Reflections from International Katalin Forrai Award Recipients**

Betsy McLaughlin (USA)

Words of greeting

Chinen Naomi (Japan)

Reminiscences

Anne Piironen-Lindeberg (Finland)

Excerpts from the professional portrait film made on the occasion of the 2021 International Katalin Forrai Award

Zsuzsanna Hegedűsné Tóth (Hungary)

Reflections on Katalin Forrai's personality as an educator, based on recordings of the radio programme 'Óvodások műsora'

16:40

Concluding Reflections

How can Katalin Forrai's invaluable legacy be preserved for future generations?

What is the message of Katalin Forrai's principles of music education for today's teachers?

Common Singing

Information:

Participation in the conference is free of charge, but registration is required.

The conference languages are English and Hungarian. Real-time translation will be provided via live captions.