

# Károly Schranz

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Grammy award-winning violinist and educator who has performed at the some of the most prestigious venues in the world while mentoring the next generation of classical music luminaries.

## Education

**Artist Diploma** 1980

Franz Liszt Academy - Budapest

**Teaching Diploma** 1976

Franz Liszt Academy - Budapest

### **Teachers**

Mihály Szücs, György Kurtág, András Mihály

## Ensembles and Orchestras

**Co-Founder, Violinist** 1975 - 2018

Takács Quartet

**Co-Concertmaster** 1976 - 1981

Hungarian National Opera

**Co-Concertmaster** 1976 - 1981

Budapest Philharmonic

## Awards

**Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance** 2002

Takács Quartet - Beethoven: String Quartets ("Razumovsky" Op. 59, 1–3; "Harp" Op. 74)

**Five Grammy Award nominations** 1998, 1999,  
2002 (2), 2015

### **Three Gramophone Awards for Best Chamber Music Album**

Takács Quartet - Beethoven, Late String Quartets 2005

Takács Quartet - Beethoven: String Quartets ("Razumovsky" Op. 59, 1–3; "Harp" Op. 74) 2002

Takács Quartet - Bartók, String quartets 1998

**Four Gramophone Award nominations** 1989, 1998, 2004,  
2008

**Gramophone Hall of Fame**

Takács Quartet - First String Quartet inducted 2012

**Classical Brits Award for Best Chamber Music Album**

Takács Quartet 2005

**BBC Record of the Year**

Takács Quartet 2005

**Japanese Recording Academy Award**

Takács Quartet - Beethoven, Late String Quartets 2005

Takács Quartet - The Early Quartets (Op. 18, 1-6) 2004

Takács Quartet - Beethoven: String Quartets ("Razumovsky" Op. 59, 1-3; "Harp" Op. 74) 2002

**Wigmore Hall Medal** 2014

**London International String Quartet Competition** 1979

First Prize

**Budapest International String Quartet Competition** 1978

First Prize

**International String Quartet Competition in Evian, France** 1977

First Prize and Critics' Prize

**Royal Philharmonic Society Music Awards** 1979, 2012

Gold Medal

**Honors****Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition**

U.S. Congressional recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community 2016

**The Officer's Cross of the Republic of Hungary** 2011

**Excellence in Research, Scholarly and Creative Work Award**

University of Colorado, Boulder 2010

**The Knight's Cross of the Republic of Hungary** 2000

**Franz Liszt Prize** 1983

## Teaching

<b>Rocky Ridge Music Center Young Artist Seminar</b> Violin and Chamber Music faculty	2019-Present
<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b> Senior Instructor of Violin String Symposium	2018 - Present 1997 - 2004
<b>University of Colorado - Graduate String Quartet Program</b> Co-founder and instructor	2006 - 2018
<b>Guildhall School of Music and Drama</b> Guest professor and Fellow	1998 - 2018
<b>Music Academy of the West</b> Faculty and Guest Artist	2010 - 2018
<b>Aspen Music Festival</b> Faculty and Guest Artist	1997 - 2017

## Residencies

<b>University of Colorado</b> Artist in residence	1983 - 2018
<b>Taos School of Music</b> Artist in residence	1996
<b>Wigmore Hall - London</b> Associate Artist	2013 - 2018
<b>Southbank Centre</b> Associate Artist	2006 - 2013
<b>Carnegie Hall String Quartet Workshop</b> Artist in residence	2015
<b>University of California Berkeley</b> Artist in residence	2016 - 2017
<b>University of Michigan</b> Artist in residence	2016 - 2017
<b>Princeton</b> Artist in residence	2016 - 2017

## Performances

Performed in **over 3500 concerts** in cities all over the world including Atlanta, Auckland, Basel, Beirut, Berlin, Bilbao, Bratislava, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Copenhagen, Denver, Detroit, Dublin, Graz, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Kansas City, Lisboa, Los Angeles, Luxembourg, Lyon, Madrid, Melbourne, Milan,

Montevideo, Montréal, Moscow, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Porto, Riga, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Fe, Santiago, São Paulo, Slovenia, Stockholm, Taiwan, Toronto, Vancouver, Venezia, Washington D.C., Wellington and Zurich

**Played sold out performances at some of the most prestigious venues in the world including:**

**Carnegie Hall**  
New York

**Lincoln Center**  
New York

**Wigmore Hall**  
London

**Southbank Centre**  
London

**Concertgebouw**  
Amsterdam

**Alte Oper**  
Frankfurt

**Kölner Philharmonie**  
Cologne

**Wiener Musikverein**  
Vienna

**Franz Liszt Academy**  
Budapest

**Mozarteum**  
Salzburg

**Sydney Opera House**  
Sydney

**Kennedy Center**  
Washington D.C.

### **Special Projects**

#### **All the World for Love**

A 14 city tour with poet laureate **Robert Pinsky** combining music and the spoken word

#### **Everyman**

Collaborated with Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Philip Roth**, Oscar-winning actor **Philip Seymour Hoffman** and later with Oscar winner **Meryl Streep** in a program that combined readings from the Roth's novel "Everyman" and Schubert's "Death and the Maiden"

#### **Muzsikas**

Collaborated regularly with the Hungarian Folk group Muzsikas

### **Festivals**

Played at some of the most esteemed musical festivals in world including:

**Salzburg Festival**

**Edinburgh Festival**

**Tanglewood Music Festival**

**Ravinia Festival**

**Schleswig Holstein Festival**

**Aspen Music Festival**

**Music Academy of the West**

**Menuhin Festival Gstaadt**

**Mostly Mozart, New York**

### **Juries**

Sat on the jury of a number of distinguished competitions including

<b>London International String Quartet Competition</b> London	2018
<b>International String Quartet Competition</b> Geneva, Switzerland	2016

### World Premieres

<b>Carl Vine</b> String Quartet no 4 and no 6	2004, 2017
<b>Carter Pann</b> String Quartet No. 2 “Operas”	2016
<b>Daniel Kellogg</b> Soft Sleep Shall Contain You: A Meditation on Schubert’s ‘Death and the Maiden	2010
<b>Wolfgang Rihm:</b> String Quartet No. 11	2009
<b>James MacMillan</b> String Quartet No. 3	2008
<b>John Psathas:</b> A View From Olympus A Cool Wind	2007

### Discography

<b>Dvořák: String Quartet &amp; String Quintet – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Lawrence Power (viola)	September 2017
<b>Debussy: String Quartet; Franck: Piano Quintet – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Marc-André Hamelin (piano)	May 2016
<b>Janáček &amp; Smetana: String Quartets</b> Takács Quartet	October 2015
<b>Shostakovich: Piano Quintet &amp; String Quartet No 2 – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Marc-André Hamelin (piano)	April 2015
<b>Brahms: String Quintets – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Lawrence Power (viola)	April 2014
<b>Britten: String Quartets Nos 1, 2 &amp; 3 – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet	November 2013
<b>Schubert: String Quintet &amp; String Quartet – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Ralph Kirshbaum (cello)	November 2012
<b>Haydn: String Quartets Op 74 – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet	November 2011

<b>Haydn: String Quartets Op 71 – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet	November 2011
<b>Schumann: String Quartet &amp; Piano Quintet – Hyperion</b> Takács Quartet, Marc-André Hamelin (piano)	November 2009
<b>Brahms: String Quartets, Opp. 67 &amp; 51/1 — Hyperion Records</b> Takács Quartet	May 2008
<b>Brahms: String Quartet &amp; Piano Quintet — Hyperion Records</b> Takács Quartet, Stephen Hough (piano)	May 2007
<b>Schubert: "Death &amp; the Maiden" &amp; "Rosamunde" — Hyperion Records</b> Takács Quartet	May 2006
<b>Chausson: Concert for Piano, Violin and String Quartet – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, Joshua Bell (violin), Jean-Yves Thibaudet (piano)	August 2005
<b>Brahms: String Quartets &amp; Piano Quintet – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, András Schiff (piano)	February 2005
<b>Beethoven: The Late Quartets – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	November 2004
<b>Beethoven: The Early Quartets (Op. 18, 1-6) – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	January 2004
<b>Beethoven: The Middle Quartets, "Rasumovsky" &amp; "Harp" – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	April 2002
<b>Schubert: Trout Quintet; Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, Andreas Haefliger (piano)	December 1998
<b>Bartók: The Six String Quartets – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	December 1997
<b>Schubert: String Quartet in G major, D. 887; Notturmo, D. 897 – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, Andreas Haefliger (piano)	March 1997
<b>Borodin and Smetana – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	April 1996
<b>Schubert: String Quintet; String Quartet No. 12 "Quartettsatz" – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, Miklós Perényi (cello)	April 1993
<b>Schubert: String Quartets D810 Death and the Maiden, D804 A minor – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	September 1993
<b>Mozart: The Six String Quartets Dedicated to Joseph Haydn – Hungaroton</b> Takács Quartet	1991
<b>Mozart: String Quintet Nos. K.515 &amp; K.516– Decca</b>	December

Takács Quartet, György Pauk (violin)	1991
<b>Haydn: String Quartets Op 77 &amp; Op 103 – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	February 1991
<b>Dvořák Works – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	August 1991
<b>Brahms: String Quartets, Op. 51 – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	July 1990
<b>Haydn: String Quartets, Op. 76 4-6 – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	1989
<b>Dohnanyi: Piano Quintet No. 1; Sextet – Decca</b> Takács Quartet, Andras Schiff (piano), Radovan Vlatkovic (horn)	1988
<b>Haydn: String Quartets, Op.76 1-3 – Decca</b> Takács Quartet	May 1988
<b>Schubert: Piano Quintet in A Major "Trout" Quintet, R. Schumann: 3 String Quartets Op. 41 – Hungaroton</b> Takács Quartet	1987
<b>Bartok: 6 String Quartets</b> Takács Quartet	1984

### **Recordings featured in the Library of Congress**

Complete string quartets / Beethoven ; Takács Quartet. Limited edition. London : Decca, [2017]©2017, ©2017

Copying Beethoven [sound recording] : music from the motion picture / music by Ludwig van Beethoven and film music by Antoni Łazarkiewicz. London, England : Decca, p2006.

Medzinárodná tribúna mladých interpretov [sound recording] : UNESCO, 1981. Bratislava, ČSSR : Opus : Exported by Slovart, p1982.

Bartók, Béla, 1881-1945. Instrumental music. Selections Folk dances [sound recording] / Bartok. String quartet no. 2 / Dohnanyi. [1996]

Bartók, Béla, 1881-1945. Instrumental music. Selections Folk dances [sound recording] ; String quartet no. 2 / Bartók, Dohnanyi. [London] : Point Classics, p1996.

Bartók, Béla, 1881-1945. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello The string quartets [sound recording] : complete / Béla Bartók. Hungary : Hungaroton, p1984.

Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, no. 1-6, op. 18 The early string quartets [sound recording] = Die frühen Streichquartette = Les premiers quatuors à cordes : op. 18 / Beethoven. London : Decca, p2004.

Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827. String quartet music. Selections The late string quartets [sound recording] = Die späten Streichquartette = Les derniers quatuors à cordes / Beethoven. London : Decca, p2004.

Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello. Selections String quartets [sound

recording] = Streichquartette = Quatuors a cordes : "Razumovsky" op. 59, 1-3 ; "Harp" op. 74 / Beethoven. New York : Decca, p2002

Brahms, Johannes, 1833-1897. Quintets, piano, violins (2), viola, cello, op. 34, F minor Piano quintet in F minor, op. 34 [sound recording] ; String quartet in A minor, op. 51, no. 2 / Johannes Brahms. London : Hyperion, p2007.

Brahms, Johannes, 1833-1897. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, no. 3, op. 67, B ♭ major String quartet in B flat major, op. 67 [sound recording] ; String quartet in C minor, op. 51 no. 1 / Johannes Brahms. London, England : Hyperion Records, p2008.

Brahms, Johannes, 1833-1897. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, no. 1, op. 51, no. 1, C minor String quartets, op. 51 [sound recording] / Brahms. New York, N.Y. : London, p1990

Branco, Luís de Freitas, 1890-1955. Quartet, violins (2), viola, cello Quarteto de cordas [sound recording] ; Sonata para violoncelo et piano / Luis Freitas Branco. [Portugal] : Da Nova, p1981

Branco, Luís de Freitas, 1890-1955. Quartet, violins (2), viola, cello String quartet ; Sonata for cello and piano [sound recording] / Freitas Branco. [Portugal] : Portugalsom, p1988.

Chausson, Ernest, 1855-1899. Concert [sound recording] / Chausson. Trio / Ravel. London : London, p1990

Dohnányi, Ernő, 1877-1960. Quintets, piano, violins (2), viola, cello, no. 1, op. 1, C minor Piano quintet no. 1, op. 1 in C minor [sound recording] ; Sextet in C major, op. 37 / Ernő Dohnányi. London : London : Decca, p1988.

Dvořák, Antonín, 1841-1904. Instrumental music. Selections Quartets opp. 96 & 105 [sound recording] ; 5 bagatelles / Dvořák. London : London, p1991

Haydn, Joseph, 1732-1809. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello. Selections String quartet in G major, op. 77 no. 1 [sound recording] ; String quartet in F major, op. 77 no. 2 ; String quartet in D minor, op. 103 / Haydn. London : London : Decca, p1990, p1991

Haydn, Joseph, 1732-1809. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, H. III, 75-77 String quartets, op. 76, 1-3 [sound recording] / Haydn. London : London, p1988

Haydn, Joseph, 1732-1809. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, H. III, 78-80 String quartets op. 76, 4-6 [sound recording] / Haydn. London : London, p1989

Schubert, Franz, 1797-1828. Quartets, violins (2), viola, cello, D. 810, D minor Death and the maiden [sound recording] / Franz Schubert. London : Hyperion, p2006

Schubert, Franz, 1797-1828. Quintets, violins (2), viola, cellos (2), D. 956, C major String quintet in C major, D956 [sound recording] ; String quartet in C minor "Quartettsatz" D703 / Franz Schubert. London : Hyperion, ©2012

Shostakovich, Dmitriï Dmitrievich, 1906-1975, composer. Chamber music. Selections String quartet no. 2 in A major, op. 68 ; Piano quintet in G minor, op. 57 / Dmitri Shostakovich. London, England : Hyperion, [2015]©2015 ©2015