

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 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
10:30	The Children Are Singing Film Excerpt from 'Énekelnek a gyerekek' (1961)
The Exceptional Contribution of Katalin Forrai in Hungary and in the World	
10:40	The Master Is Still Teaching Helga M. Dietrich (Hungary) Retired lecturer, ELTE TÓK; member, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)
11:15	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)
11:40	Katalin Forrai in Canada: A Personal Reflection from Toronto, Ontario Mary Stouffer (Canada) Chair, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)
12:10	<i>Lunch Break¹</i>

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

13:00	The Legacy That Sings: Celebrating 100 Years of Katalin Forrai Gail Godfrey (Australia) Member, International Katalin Forrai Award Committee (IKFAC)
13:30	From Budapest, Csobánc utca to Australia: A Psychologist's Research Adventures Inspired by Katalin Forrai Dr Magda Kalmár (Hungary) Professor Emerita, ELTE Faculty of Education and Psychology (ELTE PPK)
14:15	Archival Film Footage Excerpt from a 1979 newsreel.
14:30	Treasures from a Preschool Radio Program Zsuzsanna Hegedúsné Tóth (Hungary) ELTE TÓK; Researcher on Katalin Forrai's Legacy Excerpts from the past radio program 'Óvodások műsora' (1975–1985).
14:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:15	Working with Katalin Forrai Memories and reflections from music educators and former colleagues on their professional relationship with Aunt Kati.
16:00	Messages from Katalin Forrai Award Recipients Worldwide
16:30	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?
16:55	<i>Common Singing</i>

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.