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Presents

Roby Lakatos Ensemble

on Friday, January 27 at 8pm
at Sanders Theatre

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present Hungarian Gypsy music masters, the **Roby Lakatos Ensemble** on Friday, January 27 at 8pm at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge. This performance is sponsored by Susan Pravda and Gabor Garai, Honorary Consul General of Hungary, and the Hungarian Society of Massachusetts.

Tickets for the Roby Lakatos Ensemble are priced at \$54, \$47 and \$40, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or at the Harvard Box Office, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

This is a **Boston debut** for the Roby Lakatos Ensemble.

Virtuoso fiddler, **Roby Lakatos**, was born in 1965 into a family of Gypsy violinists descended from Janos Bihari, the "King of Gypsy Violinists." Lakatos was introduced to music as a child, and at age 9 he made his public debut as first violin in a Gypsy band. He studied at the Béla Bartók Conservatory of Budapest, where he won the first prize for classical violin in 1984. Between 1986 and 1996 he and his ensemble performed at "Les Ateliers de la grandelle" in Brussels, and he has collaborated with Vadim Repin and Stéphane Grappelli. In 2004 Lakatos appeared with the London Symphony Orchestra in the "Genius of the Violin" festival alongside Maxim Vengerov. He appears regularly on Hungarian and Belgian television and has been invited for productions on German television as well as Deutschlandradio, NHK Japan and London's BBC.

Roby Lakatos also tours with his own chamber orchestra, conducted by Dirk Verelst. In 2006 Lakatos and his ensemble toured North America for the first time, and recent American highlights include an appearance with the Chicago's Grant Park Symphony and the Florida International Festival in Daytona Beach. Lakatos has performed at the great halls and festivals of Europe and Asia, including Santa Cecilia in Rome and the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, and with orchestras, including the Orchestre National de Radio France and the Dresden Philharmonic. The Ensemble has also performed with many other musicians, including Giora Feidman, Herbie Hancock, Joshua Bell, Nigel Kennedy and Randy Brecker. In 1999, Lakatos debuted in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan, where he now tours regularly.

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In 1998 the ensemble's first CD was released by Deutsche Grammophon, titled *Lakatos*, which included works of Kodály and Brahms, as well as music from John William's score for *Schindler's List* and Charles Aznavour's *La Bohème*. Another CD was released in 1999 titled *Lakatos: Live from Budapest*, which mixes jazz and gypsy idioms with contemporary and classical elements. *As Time Goes By* was released by Deutsche Grammophon in 2002. On his own Avantijazz label, Lakatos has released three recordings: *Fire Dance* (2005), *Klezmer Karma* (2006), and *Roby Lakatos with Musical Friends* (2008).

Program:

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| József Suha Balogh | Fire Dance Gypsy Bolero Cickom Paraphrase |
| Michel Legrand | Papa can you hear me? |
| Roby Lakatos | A night in Marrakech |
| Ástor Piazzolla | Oblivion |
| Traditional | Les Deux Guitares |
| Vladimir Cosma | Le Grand Blond avec une Chaussure Noire |
| Roby Lakatos | SK. Capricio |
| Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov | Le Vol du Bourdon for solo cimbalom |
| Fats Waller & Andy Razaf | Honeysuckle Rose |
| Traditional Russian | I've met you—Mama |
| Ennio Morricone | Once upon a time in America |
| Vittorio Monti | Csárdás |

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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