

His life was music



Szilveszter Ókovács (director of the State Opera of Budapest) had the inspiration for the „Mini-festival“ to mark the 100th birthday of Ferenc Fricsay.

With all his knowledge and experience he successfully initiated (to present) in perfection the memorable occasion to the audience in full recognition of Fricsay's life time achievement.

1. Performance of Fricsay's C major mass at the St. Steven Basilica of Budapest
2. A concert performance of „Lucia die Lammermoor“ with the world-famous soprano Evita Gruberova
3. Unveiling and inauguration of the Fricsay bust on the "King's Stairs" of the Opera
4. Commemorative exhibition „Known secret“ in the Opera (with great personal commitment of Nora Wellmann and Martón Karczag)
5. Release of the commemorative Book to honour the 100th birthday of Fricsay: „His life was music“ with the table of contents

-Preamble of Silvestre Ókovács

„His life was music – Ferenc Fricsay“ - von Marton Karczag

„Sunrise in C- Major“ Peter Csobády remembers

„I found a magic stick“ Imre Pallo (jun) remembers

„About Mozart and Bartók“ by FF

6. „Fricsay's diary of records“, assembled by Silvestre Ókovács
Recordings by FF
Famous concert and opera performances, summarized by Marton Karzag
Famous compositions by Ferenc Fricsay, summarized by M.K.
Source references

At every special occurrence Director Ókovács guided the visitors with descriptive, relevant words: at the exhibition opening as well as at the unveiling of the bust and as moderator at the Book release. The events were attended with great interest and rewarded the effort of all executives with remarkable success.