

Swiss Friends of the Budapest Festival Orchestra

We invite you to join the Swiss Friends of the Budapest Festival Orchestra to share privileged moments in the passion of music

The Swiss Friends of the BFO are music lovers who want to support one of the best orchestras in the world and to celebrate the rich musical traditions and cultural relations between Switzerland and Hungary. We warmly invite you to join the Swiss Friends of BFO and become part of a distinguished international community with friends groups in Germany, the UK and USA.

The objective of the Friends is to enjoy great concerts and exclusive social events, to support the orchestra's artistic endeavors, including its educational initiatives, to contribute to the success of its performances in Switzerland and to assist its fundraising activities.

Exclusive benefits for members

The members of the Swiss Friends benefit from unique opportunities:

- Invitations to meet & greet with Maestro Iván Fischer and BFO musicians on the occasion of concerts in Switzerland. In 2026, the following concerts are planned:
 - **August 17: Gstaad**
 - **August 21–22: Lucerne**
 - **September 19: Montreux**
- Access to rehearsals and backstage visits during performances in Switzerland
- Specific meetings with the members of the orchestra / musicians in Switzerland
- Music-themed long weekend in Budapest, which includes the BFO's Annual Ball, city walks, and a concert (cost apply).
- Possibility to participate in prestigious international cultural events, such as the Vicenza Opera Festival.

Become a member

The SFBFO offers two membership tiers:

- a yearly amount of CHF 500.- for standard membership (800.- for Joint membership)
- CHF 1000.- for Patrons (1'500.- for joint membership).

The Swiss Friends of BFO is a registered non-profit association.

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- President: **Monika Molnar**
- Director: **Cécile S. Maier**

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