

Bio Koszorus Krisztina Koszika

Koszorus Krisztina, also known as **Koszika**, is a Transylvanian-Romanian born and based Hungarian ethnic singer-songwriter, coming from a family of musicians.

Education

She has a BA in Classical Violin Interpretation, but she feels most at home in jazz with folclore influences...- and in singing.

Her culturally colorful background certainly adds a twist to her approach to any kinds of music, but she tries to remain true, humble and respectful to what she considers to be values.

Experience

Having started singing *traditional folclore* at a very young age, she toured in Portugal, Hungary, Slovakia at only 10 years of age together with her father's traditional Hungarian folklore orchestra, singing Hungarian, Romanian and Gypsy folk tunes.

This love for ethnic sounds kept driving her to push her musical boundaries and made her reuse the inherited knowledge on the three cultures in her later musical projects, mixing and combining traditional songs with bossa nova, swing, reggae or even drum and bass.

She is a *triple awarded jazz vocalist*, winning Best Singer and Best Vocal Soloist Awards at international Jazz Competitions, where she played in duo with partner Szász Csaba on guitar.

Together they have been awarded the Confirmation of the Year Award at the Bucharest Jazz Gala in 2017, and also won the prize for the Best Composition in 2017 at the Jazz in the Park International Jazz Competition.

She has three times received the Communitas Year Round Creative Grant for musical composition. (2013, 2018, 2022) and she was awarded the Silver Pine Award from the Hungarian Minority's Party of Romania for her work for the Hungarian minority in Romania.

At the moment she is an active member of the Romanian and Hungarian jazz and funk communities, collaborating with other projects, such as:

- world jazz/ethnopop/folktronica duo KOSZ!KA with partner Szász Csaba,
- musical collective Koszika & The Hotshots,
- new neo-soul/nu folk band **zeng** launched in 2022,

- TANGO noche, a tango-based experience with a classical string quartet, double bass and piano;

She also is the guest artist of romanian tango group The Tango Orchestra, and Hungarian multiaward winner Jazz groups **Sárik Péter Trió**, **Swing á la Django**.

Together with fellow musician, guitarist Szász Csaba, they have founded funk-band Koszika & The HotShots in 2011, which is now known and successful in Romania, having played all the mainstream festivals in Romania and Hungary, such as *Sziget Festival* (HU), Untold Festival, Jazz in the Park, Feszt!Eger (HU) and some international ones: Snowfest (IT, AT, FR)

Their duo with Szász Csaba was a guest at a number of prestigious international festivals in Europe like *Fete de la Musique* Brussels (2021), *Alcantara World Music Festival* Sicily (2022) and Canada: *Chamberfest* Ottawa, *Festival of the Sound* Parry Sound (2018).

For their anniversary concert they produced a **symphonic show** of their originals and their homeland's folk music by the title "*Transylvanian Symphonic Tales*" in 2021, involving trumpeter, composer, arranger and jazz-educator Vaughn Roberts (NZ/USA/UK) and 54 Transylvanian musicians, ranging from classical to traditional, jazz and pop players.

Awards:

2007 - **Nívó díj** - *Médiabefutó Csíkszereda*.

2012 - **4th Place** and **Best Lyrics Award** at Hungarian Jazzy Radio's "*Jazzy Song Contest*", Budapest, HU - with Nuclear Family

2013 - **Communitas Year-Round Creative Grant**

2014 - **2nd Place** - *StreetMusic Festival*, Satu Mare, RO - with Koszika & The HotShots

2015 - **Grand Prize** - *StreetMusic Festival*, Satu Mare, RO - with Koszika & The HotShots

2015 - **Best Singer** - *7th Youth Jazz Fest*, Targu Mures, RO

2016 - **3rd place** - *Jazz in the Park International Competition*, Cluj, RO - with Koszika & The HotShots

2016 - **Best Vocalist** - Sibiu Jazz Competition, Sibiu, RO

2016 - **Best Vocal Soloist** - *Johnny Raducanu International Jazz Festival*, Braila, in duet with guitarist Szász Csaba

2017 - **Confirmation of the Year 2016** - in duet with guitarist Szász Csaba - *Muzza Jazz Awards Gala*, Bucharest, RO.

2017 - **Most Valuable Composition** - together with guitarist Szász Csaba - *Jazz in the Park*, Cluj, RO.

2018 - **Communitas Year-Round Creative Grant**

2022 - **Communitas Year-Round Creative Grant**

2022 - **Silver Pine Award** (Ezüstfenyő) for keeping national identity and works for minorities from Hungarian Democratic Party in Romania

2022 - **Rootstock Artist Award** (FR) (Online International Music Competition) with **zeng**

Television appearances, shows:

2010 - Megasztár Hungary

2011 - Voice of Romania (battles)

2017 - Eurovision Romania (finals)

2022 - A Dal Hungary (semifinals)