

## Biography

### Erno Kallai, violinist



Erno Kallai is establishing himself as one of the most exciting and charismatic young violinists today. Erno made his Carnegie Hall, Stern Auditorium debut in 2008 with the Juilliard Orchestra which was critically acclaimed by the Strad Magazine. Most recently Erno won the Junior Prima Award which is one of the most significant awards for young artists in Hungary.

Erno Kallai made his debut with the New York Philharmonic in 2011, and has appeared as a soloist with the Orchestre National de Lille, Orquesta Classica Santa Cecilia, Boca Raton Symphonia, CEI Youth Orchestra, Concerto Budapest, Danubia Orchestra, Győr Philharmonic, Hungarian Radio Symphony, MÁV Symphony Orchestra, Szent István Symphony Orchestra and the Weiner-Szász Chamber Symphony. Erno has played in venues such as the Louvre Auditorium in Paris, Avery Fisher Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Symphony Hall, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Palace of Arts in Budapest. As a devoted chamber musician, he has performed chamber music concerts with world renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and members of the Perlman Music Program. Erno has played for Hungarian radio and television, France Musique, the McGraw-Hill Company's "Young Artists' Showcase" with host Bob Sherman on WQXR, and was also featured in Elle magazine in 2010.

Erno Kallai has won numerous awards and prizes, including Junior Prima award in 2012, second prize and audience prize at the International Szigeti Violin and Viola Competition in 2012, first prize at the Alexander & Buono International String Competition in 2011, first prize of the Carl Flesch International Violin Competition in 2008, first prize at the Juilliard Concerto Competition in 2008, a Valerie Beth Schwartz Career Grant from Salone de Virtuosi in 2007, Special Prize at the International Sarasate Violin Competition in 2005, awards from the Semmering Music Festival in 2004 (which included the best interpretation of a work by Kodaly, and an award for the best interpretation of a Viennese Classic work with his performance of Mozart's

Violin Concerto No.5), First Prize at the National Zathureczky Violin Competition in Hungary both in 1998 and 2003.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Erno Kallai began early violin training with his father, and already at the age of twelve he had been admitted to the Exceptionally Talented Children's class of the Franz Liszt University of Music. In 2006 he moved to the United States to study with Itzhak Perlman at the Juilliard School as a full scholarship student. Erno holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School of Music.

Erno Kallai is playing on a Carlo Antonio Testore violin which is a generous gift from Summa Artium, and using a bow by bowmaker Howard Green.