Cellist *Nella Balog* is a major prizewinner of numerous national and international cello competitions. Most recently she won the Gold Medal and 2 special prizes at the **David Popper International Cello Competition**. She has performed extensively in her native country of Hungary as both a concerto and recital soloist, and has additionally performed across Europe, South-Africa and the USA.

Born in 2002, she studied in the **Szent István Conservatory** in Budapest with *István Varga*. Nella has also studied in Bloomington, USA on a full scholarship at the **Indiana University Summer String Academy** and participated in numerous masterclasses with *Csaba Onczay, Susan Moses, Peter Stumpf*, and chamber music masterclasses with *Sarah Kapustin* and the *Verona Quartet*.

In 2019 she was selected at the **Cello Akademie Rutesheim** to perform as a soloist with the Stuttgarter Kammerorchester, where she additionally studied with *Wen-Sinn Yang*.

She received masterclasses from professors like *Wolfgang Boettcher, Daniel Müller-Schott, Mező László, Sennu Laine, Kangho Lee, Marcio Carneiro, Matias de Oliveira Pinto, Beatrice Reibel-Petit.*

Highlights of the last seasons have included first prizes and special prizes at both the **Talents for Europe International Competition** (Slovakia) and **Jan Vychytil International Cello Competition** (Czechia), an invitation to the **Scandinavian Cello School** for a bespoke career advancement residency by *Jacob Shaw,* and praticipating at the LGT Young Soloists’s South-Africa tour.

From the academic year of 2020/21 she’s studying with *Wen-Sinn Yang* at the **Hochschule für Musik und Theater München.**

*In 2021 Nella Balog will make her concerto debut in Hungary with both the Zuglo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Mendelssohn Chamber Orchestra, in addition to chamber music recitals.*

Nella makes her home in Érd where she enjoys spending her free time crocheting and discovering new baking recipes for her family. More information available at fsougnsf(at)ougnbs.com