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Iván Fischer founded the Budapest Festival Orchestra in 1983 with Zoltán Kocsis.

Thanks to its innovative approach, the BFO has become the youngest ensemble to join the world's top ten symphony orchestras. It is both present at the most important international concert venues and streaming platforms. The BFO has been awarded by Gramophone magazine two times for the best recording, while in 2022 it was named Orchestra of the Year.

The BFO is also famous for its series of unique concerts such as Autism-friendly Cocoa Concerts, Surprise Concerts, Midnight Music performances, free open-air concerts or the Community Weeks. Its members regularly form a choir at their concerts.

The BFO stages an opera production each year directed and conducted by Iván Fischer. The performances have been invited to events like the Mostly Mozart Festival or the Edinburgh International Festival. In 2013, the Marriage of Figaro was the best classical music event according to New York Magazine. The Vicenza Opera Festival, founded by Iván Fischer, debuted in 2018 at the Teatro Olimpico.