

HARP PERSONALITY AWARD

The new HarpMasters Academy Award “HarpPersonality” was established in October 2013. This award is aimed to recognise and appreciate the work of persons, whose work and outstanding contribution has a strong impact on the development of the harp on national or international levels. “Following the main credo of HarpMasters Academy – to promote the excellence in harp performance – we aim now, beside support and education of the young generation of harpists, to recognise and appreciate the work of dedicated harpists, whose work is so important for the development of the harp. I strongly believe that those great personalities would stimulate the creativity of the young harpists and will inspire our new generation to contribute to the development of the harp harp on national or international levels” – says Irina Zingg.

The establishment of the harp in Slovenia in general is thanks to Dalibor Bernatovic, harpist and accomplished harp pedagogue, one of the most influential figure on the harp world of Balkan region. As the son of a harpist he started his career 27 years ago. At the time there were three professional harpists in the country and only one school teaching harp. Today 17 schools in Slovenia offer harp courses. There are over 280 students and 21 professional harpists, most of whom are ex-students of Dalibor Bernatović. He has taught over 50 harpists since then, and they have won almost 200 different international prizes. In addition, Dalibor Bernatovic founded the national Harp Association of Slovenia, which aims to establish the harp in the country and the International Harp Competition of Slovenia to support harp education. In appreciation and recognition of his work, HarpMasters Academy awarded the first HarpMasters Academy Award “Harp Personality” to Mr. Bernatovic in October 2013.

HarpPersonality Award 2013: Dalibor Bernatovic (Slovenia)

