

Judith Havas

Literary historian, reciter Judit Havas took her degree in Hungarian philology and librarianship at the ELTE in Budapest. Working as a reciter since 1975, she also earned her PHD at the Department of Literary Scholarship under the preceptorship of Prof. Zoltán Kenyeres.

She was aided all along her career as an elocutionist, rhetorician and reciter by distinguished professionals, like radio directors Miklós Cserés, Tamás Török and theatrical director Miklós Gábor Kerényi, actor Zoltán Latinovits and linguist- speech coaches, like Imre Wacha and Imre Montágh.

For years she has been teaching Hungarian literature, public speaking and elocution at the Department of Literary Scholarship of ELTE.

Acting as a teacher at the Hungarian Summer School in Fillemore, Ms Havas also had the honour of being invited as a visiting lecturer to the Conference of American Teachers in Toronto. She lectured in the same capacity at the

2005 Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

2009. Conference, Berkeley, California, USA-

2010. Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
Montreál, Concordia Egyetem Konferencia

2011. Conference, John Carroll University, University Heights (Cleveland), Ohio, USA

2012. Conference, Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, New York USA

2014. Florida University Gainesville (AHEA)

2015. Kolozsvár Babes–Bolyai Egyetem

2015 The Conference of American Teachers in New York

2016 Washington University of Maryland

As a dab hand in literary history, she compiled and recited evenings of poetry by Endre Ady, Attila József, Gyula Illyés, prose writings by István Örkény, excerpts from Transsylvanian literature, entitled This Workaday World on the Rood, of the correspondence between Zoltán Kodály and Béla Bartók and poems on the two, of the gems of 20th century Spanish and Latin American poetry entitled The Son of Man. She also put together a miscellany of contemporary Hebrew poetry, entitled On the Margin of a Dawn Prayer. She performed Sándor Márai's monodrama (as arranged by Csaba Lászlóffy) Judith Communicant and Mária Földes's work of the same genre, entitled The Walk. Many of her works have been published in a CD format. Ms Havas prepared the recording in poetry and prose on two CDs for a Textbook of Hungarology by Gábor Dömötör, Dr Judit Némethy Kesserű, Veremund P. Tóth (OSB).

A Research Fellow of the Petőfi Literary Museum, Ms Havas- acting this once as an editor-presenter for the Duna Television- made a 12- part TV- series entitled The Poem to be Recited, hosting poets, like Sándor Kányádi, Ferenc Juhász, Ágnes Gergely and Ottó Tolnai.

That 12-part series was published in a DVD format in 2009.

2010 Radnóti-Award

In recognition of her literary accomplishment, the President of the Republic awarded her the Order of the Knight of the Republic in 2006.

As a literary scholar and a qualified artistic performer of Hungarian lyric poetry, she recited not only in Budapest and across Hungary, but also toured other European countries, like the Czech Republic, France, Romania, Slovakia, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK, Voivodina (Serbia) the Carpathian Ukraine, Belgium and, acted as a representative of Hungarian literature and culture in Israel, Canada, Argentina, Brasilia, Peru and the US.