

Zoltán Széplaki was born in 1972. He started his musical studies in the Dohnányi Ernő Music School in Budapest, playing the piano, the flute, and the recorder. After graduating from the Szent László Secondary School, he studied chemistry at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. He earned his musical diploma (recorder) in 1999 at the Early Music Faculty of the Conservatory in Szeged as a student of László Lőrincz. He has participated in several International Baroque recorder master classes with Anneke Boeke and Peter Holtslag.

In 1997-98 he taught at the Weiner Leó Music School in Budapest. In 1998 he went on to work at the Bartók Béla Music Institute and



Secondary School in Miskolc (eastern part of Hungary) as recorder teacher. For the last several years he has been a guest professor at the universities in Debrecen and Nyíregyháza. He is a regular jury member and expert at the National Recorder Competition and similar festivals and teacher-training master classes.

Since 1995 he has been a member, and later leader of the Massaino Consort, as well as founding member of the Early Music Ensemble Miskolc. He's been a member of Musica Historica Ensemble since 1990. He also performs as soloist or member of other groups at home and abroad. Beside music, he is a member of the selected Hungarian archers' team and a national record-holder, winning the Hungarian championship in 1992.