

Peter Šandor (1986) is one of the most outstanding talents of the younger generation of Slovak pianists. He studied at the Bratislava Conservatory with Vencislava Ilievska and at the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna with Peter Efler. After graduating from the Conservatory, he pursued the Master's (2013) and the doctoral degree (2016) at the Academy of Performing Arts (VŠMU) in Bratislava under the guidance of Ida Černecká and František Pergler. In 2016, he began to serve on VŠMU faculty as instructor of piano at the Keyboard Department.

His career is marked by several notable successes at both national and international piano competitions – the list of his 1st prizes includes the Hummel Competition for Children (Bratislava, 1998), the Competition for Young Pianists (Belgium, 2001), the international competition Virtuosi per musica di pianoforte (Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic, 2001, also winner of a special Petrof award), the National Competition of Slovak Conservatories (2008), the international 21st Century Art Competition (Vienna, 2013), and others. He also attended various international master courses in Slovakia, Bulgaria and Austria and studied under such renowned pianists as Valentina and Lazar Berman, Marián Lapšanský, György Sándor, Ivan Klánský or Eugen Indjic.

As a soloist, he performed with the Slovak Philharmonic several times and appeared with numerous chamber and symphonic ensembles, such as Košice State Philharmonic, Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Vratsa Symphony Orchestra (Bulgaria), Sinfonietta dell'Arte (Austria), Bratislava Chamber Soloists, VŠMU Symphony Orchestra, and Bratislava Conservatory Symphony Orchestra, working under such conductors as Konstantin Ilievsky, Jack Martin Händler, Martin Majkút, Marek Štryncl, and others. He represented Slovak piano art with success in Austria, Hungary, Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria, and Czech Republic.

Peter Šandor belongs to the category of universal musicians – besides his classical career, since 2004 he has been performing with the popular band Polemic as keyboard player.