

Ladislav Mariáš jr., violoncello (CZE)

He was born into a family of musicians in Jistebník. Václav Stuchlý became his first teacher, preparing him for his first concerts while his pupil was only six years old. Later he began studying at the ZUŠ Ostrava-Poruba arts school in the class of Miroslav Doležil. Under his tutelage Mariáš won many awards in the Czech Republic as well as abroad: 2nd prize at the *Prague Junior Note* (2007), 1st prize at the Central Round of the ZUS arts school competition (Liberec 2008, 2011), 3rd prize at the *Bogdan Warchal Competition* in Dolný Kubín, Slovakia (2010), a laureate of the *Carl Dietters von Diettersdorf* competition in Vidnava. Since 2012 he continues his studies in the class of Renata Straširýbková at the Prague Conservatory. His successes in competitions include 2nd prize at the *Bogdan Warchal Competition* in Dolný Kubín (2013, 2017), his participation at the *Wettbewerb Violoncello* worldwide competition in Liezen (2014) and 2nd prize at the *Pro Bohemia* international competition in Ostrava (2017). As half of the Mariáš–Zlámal violoncello duo he was declared the absolute winner and laureate at the chamber music competition in Vidnava. In 2014-2015 he was the concertmaster of the Prague Conservatory Chamber Orchestra. For two years (since 2016) he has been a member as well as the concertmaster of the Prague Conservatory Symphony Orchestra. Since 2012 he has been member of the Moravian-Silesian Sinfonietta. In 2017 he collaborated with his father, the bandmaster of the Jistebnická 13 wind orchestra, to connect brass music with violoncello and at the *Vejvodova Zbraslav 2017* they were awarded the golden strip and a special award of the Jury for the performance of the “Cirkus Renz” piece. He participates in masterclasses every year, further developing his violoncello skills. Since 2015 he has become a member of the acoustic pop-rock trio, the StringZ (violin, violoncello, piano). Since 2016 he appears with Juraj Škoda as the violoncello duo “The CELLO boys”. Ladislav Mariáš, accompanied by the organist Lucie Kajzarová, performs in dozens of concerts and weddings. They organise concerts for charity, fund-raising events and other artistic endeavours.