

Cellist **Előd KOSTYÁK** was born in a Hungarian musician family in the capital of Transylvania, the city of Kolozsvár/Klausenburg/Cluj /Claudiopolis (Romania). He started to play cello from the age of 6. After graduating the Highschool of Music in his hometown, he continued his studies at the Bucharest Music Academy and the Cluj Music Academy and by participating at masterclasses held by Miklós Perényi, Csaba Onczay and Mirel Iancovici.

As founder of the Bartha String Quartet, he won First Prizes at the Wilhelm Georg Berger String Quartet Competition in Brasov and at the Gheorghe Dima International Chamber Music Competition in his hometown. With this ensemble he has participated to a one-semester scholarship for string quartet at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, under the tuition of Maestro Sándor Devich and other members of the Bartók String Quartet.

Between 1995-2008, Kostyák played Solo Cello in the following orchestras : the Hungarian Army's Symphony in Budapest, Győr Philharmonic, Camerata Transsylvanica Budapest and Miskolc National Theatre.

From 2009 to 2015 he was the Solo Cellist of the Romanian National Opera in Cluj.

Since 2008, he is member and from 2010, he is Solo Cellist of the Hungarian Opera in his hometown.