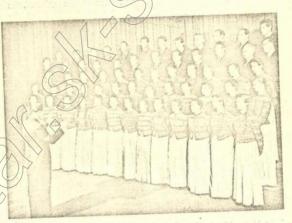


## HUNGARIAN

(Choir of the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble)



Mixed choir, conductor:

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Kossuth prize laureate

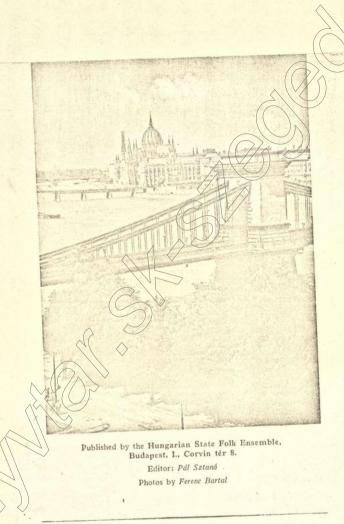


## IMRE CSENKI

Imre Csenki, who has organized, and is the artistic leader of, the Hungarian Choir (Choir of the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble), Kossuth-prize laureate, born at Püspökladány in 1912, attended to his studies at the Teacher's Fraining College of Debrecen, came then to the Budapest College of Music, where he studied folk

music with Zoltán Kocsiy. In 1936 he obtained, with distinction, the diploma of professor of singing and music. Here he began to take up choral song and went on a tour with the Choir of the University abroad, in Euseric and in America. In 1940 he came back to the Debrecen College as professor and has seen organized a choir famous all over Europe, the College Choir, with which he went on a tour in Switzerland in 1948. In 1950 he began to organize the Choir of the Hungarian State Felk Ensemble.

THE CHOIR, constituted in the autumn of 1950, gave until the recent times mainly concerts in the framework of the repertoire of the Ersemble. Besides its successes in Czecho-Slovakia, China, the Soviet Union, then in France, Belgium, Holland, England and Italy, this Choir has the reputation of the best choir of Hungary. Its object, in addition to the part songs by Barték and by Kodály, includes a convincing interpretation of the creations of the classic and modern choir art. In appreciation of its outstanding accomplishment it was awarded the Grand Prix de disques (Grand Prize for records) 1956 of the President of the French Republic.



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