The Faculty of Music and Visual Arts of the UP for the Hungarian minority

Two key events demonstrate the commitment of the University of Pécs, and in particular the Faculty of Music and Visual Arts of the UP, to support Hungarians, Hungarian culture and the Hungarian minority.

Sepsiszentgyörgy-Pécs: joint opening of the academic year

The Faculty of Music and Visual Arts of the UP not only wishes to represent the rich cultural and artistic traditions and values of Pécs and the South Transdanubian region in its own field, but also, in line with the national strategy, to promote the higher education of Hungarian-speaking Hungarian youth in the Hungarian language in their home country. The Faculty of Music and Visual Arts of the UP is in partnership with Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania.

In autumn 2021, the two institutions launched their joint courses in painting and sculpture in Sepsiszentgyörgy. The content of the courses is the same as the courses offered in Pécs, but the education in Sepsiszentgyörgy is based on the knowledge of Transylvanian artists, with the dual intention of creating an independent spirit in the Transylvanian artistic environment, In parallel with this, the UP is supporting the accreditation of the courses for Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania by supporting the academic degree acquisition of the lecturers on the human resources side. (See our previous article). On 16th September, the 2022/2023 academic year also started in Sepsiszentgyörgy, which was opened in a ceremony by Dr. Márton Tonk, Rector of the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Dr. Tamás Fedeles, Vice-Rector of the UP, Fruzsina Vargha, Deputy Mayor of Sepsiszentgyörgy, Dr. József Domokos, The Dean of the Faculty in Marosvásárhely, Dr. Péter Lengyel, Dean of the Faculty of Music and Visual Arts, Dr. Imre-István Nyárádi, Deputy Dean, Director of the Study Center of Sepsiszentgyörgy.  
It is a source of particular pride that one third of the students starting their studies at the Training Center are enrolled in a course of study related to the University of Pécs, ten in painting and four in sculpture.

Works by talented Csángó students

As part of its cross-border activities, the Faculty of Music and Visual Arts also aims to support talented Csángó students. As part of this, a camp for the talented Csángó youth was organized between 9th and 14th August at the Hungarian House of Lábnyik, one of the easternmost Hungarian-inhabited villages, in the Camp Center, in cooperation with the Association of Csángó Hungarians in Moldova, funded by a grant from the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Almost thirty talented teenagers came from Magyarfalu, Pusztina, Gyimesbükk, Szeret-Klézse, Bakó, Klézse, Somoska, Leszped, Kézdivásárhely, Lövété.  
The main patron of the program was Zsigmond Járai, the Prime Minister's representative responsible for coordinating the Csángó-Hungarian cooperation.

The organizers wanted to make the sculptural and painting works of the talent camp accessible to the wider public. So on 17th September, an exhibition of the young people's works was opened at the Hungarian House in the center of the region, in Bákó.