

Notification of a data breach

The Hungarian State Opera informs those affected that on 8 September 2026, an unauthorized person accessed the Microsoft 365 account used by an employee of the Hungarian State Opera, from which phishing messages were sent to external recipients.

All OneDrive content associated with the affected Microsoft 365 account, as well as content available in the Outlook mailbox, SharePoint, and Teams, could have been exposed to an unauthorized person.

These may also include personal data relating to the employees, former employees, contractual partners, contact persons of the Hungarian State Opera and other natural persons who have previously corresponded with the Hungarian State Opera or sent personal data to it.

The full scope of the data covered and the scope of the data covered cannot be determined with absolute certainty at this time. In particular, names, email addresses, profile pictures associated with a Microsoft account, correspondence and attachments thereto, as well as any additional personal data contained therein, may have been included in the content.

On the basis of the available technical data, it is not possible to determine exactly which content was viewed, copied or transmitted by an unauthorised person.

Any names, email addresses, profile pictures, and mailing information you may learn may be used for subsequent targeted phishing messages or other forms of abuse. Such messages may come from other email addresses, on behalf of the Hungarian State Opera or a person affiliated with it, and may be used to obtain passwords, credentials, or other personal information.

Other possible consequences include the misuse of identity and any personal data or confidential information that may have been learned.

After the incident was detected, the Hungarian State Opera

- secured the affected Microsoft account;
- terminated unauthorised access;
- changed the account password;
- verified and reconfigured multi-factor authentication;
- inspected the IT device concerned;
- prevented further phishing messages from being sent;
- checked whether other user accounts or IT systems could have been affected;
- reported the incident to the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information.

If you are a former employee, contractual partner, contact person, have previously corresponded with the Hungarian State Opera or sent personal data to it and would like further information about your possible data involvement, please contact the Data Protection Officer:

Dr. Péter Szentkirályi

E-mail: dpo@opera.hu

If you receive a message from a sender who appears to be known with no history, unusual content, or a link, do not click the link or enter a password or other information. If you have any questions, contact the Department of Information Technology at informatika@opera.hu email address.

If you entered a password or credential in such a message, change the affected password immediately and, where possible, turn on multi-factor authentication.

The investigation of the incident and the clarification of the scope of the data involved are ongoing. If new information relevant to the protection of data subjects becomes known, the Hungarian State Opera House will provide further information.

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