

CHORWERK RUHR

Chorwerk Ruhr is one of Germany's leading chamber choirs. Founded in 1999, this vocal ensemble has developed into an established beacon of the vocal arts in the German-speaking world. Its most remarkable quality is to be able to satisfy the exacting demands of solo casting and at the same time achieve perfect fusion of the ensemble within a choral sound.

In November 2011 the multi-award-winning conductor Florian Helgath took over as Artistic Director. He regards the focal point of his work as highlighting new choral music in the context of traditional musical forms, thereby enabling the listener to appreciate its innovation against the background of our rich musical history. With this top-class ensemble he produces choral music at the very highest level. The ensemble's remarkable quality is also evident in the numerous commissioned compositions and world premieres by distinguished contemporary composers that have been achieved in close co-operation with CHORWERK RUHR's partners.

Chorwerk Ruhr has established itself as one of the most illustrious artistic names associated with the Ruhr metropolitan region and one of Germany's top choirs. Since it was founded, the ensemble has performed concerts of music from all periods up to and including the present day with such prominent conductors as George Benjamin, Frieder Bernius, Sylvain Cambreling, Reinhard Goebel, Robin Gritton, Rupert Huber, Susanna Mälkki, Kent Nagano, Peter Neumann, Emilio Pomàrico, Peter Rundel, Marcus Stenz, Bruno Weil and Hans Zender.

In concerts with distinguished orchestras including the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, Berliner Philharmoniker, Concerto Köln, Ensemble Resonanz, l'arte del mondo, Ensemble Musikfabrik, the Schönberg Ensemble Amsterdam, Ensemble Modern, the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie, the Bochumer Symphoniker, the SWR Symphony Orchestra of Baden-Baden and Freiburg and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra. Chorwerk Ruhr has consistently delighted audiences and earned excellent reviews. Numerous recordings with WDR and DLF as well as regular appearances at music festivals both in Germany and abroad reflect the popularity of this excellent ensemble. Within the TENSO Network the choir collaborates on an administrative level with professional chamber choirs in all of Europe. Every year Chorwerk Ruhr performs in a special co-operative project as part of the Ruhrtriennale.

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