

Biography

Sigrid Wolfbauer-Gartner

The Austrian organist Sigrid Wolfbauer-Gartner focuses on historic authentic interpretation of organ music. Her wide repertoire ranges from Renaissance to Baroque music, over Classic and Romantic to Modern organ literature. Fascinated by the stylistic variety of organ literature, Sigrid aims to play as authentic as possible without losing spontaneity and vitality.

Sigrid started her organ career at the Joseph Haydn Conservatory in Eisenstadt. After high school she enrolled at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Graz (organ with Ulrike Wegele-Kefer) where she graduated with honours in "Organ" and "Instrumental Pedagogy". From 2004 until 2008, she studied Church Music, Organ and Music Theory at the University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart (Organ with Ludger Lohmann, Improvisation with Willibald Bezler, Choir with Dieter Kurz and Music Theory with Siegfried Eipper). In Stuttgart as a teaching assistant she also taught in Music Theory. Several courses and master classes completed Sigrid's professional education (among others with Jean Boyer, Jon Laukvik, Pier Damiano Peretti, Michael Radulescu and Wolfgang Zerer).

Back in Austria since 2008, Sigrid graduated with honours in Music Education at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (June 2011) and in Theory of Music at the University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart (February 2013). She currently teaches an organ class at Tulln Music School and in a high school with its focus in music. In 2011 / 2012 Sigrid lectured Figured Bass ("Generalbass") at the Joseph Haydn Conservatorium Eisenstadt.

Sigrid has won several competitions, to include "Prima la Musica" (three times winner) and "Gradus ad Parnassum". In addition, she received several scholarships, among others the Academic Excellence Scholarship from the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture in 2004 and 2005, a scholarship from the German Foundation of Arts of Baden Württemberg in 2007 and from the "New Austrian Sound of Music" scholarship from the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 2009 and 2010.

Sigrid performs on a regular basis solo organ concerts in Austria (e.g. May 2010 and November 2012, Jeunesse Organ Cycles, broadcasted by the Austrian public radio Ö1) and abroad: e.g. concerts in South-America and Ukraine in 2009. She also performs concerts in co-operation with orchestras (e.g. Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Joseph Haydn-Orchestra, SWR-Stuttgart) and choirs (Grazer Chamber Choir, Vienna Boys Choir, Aurelius Boys Choir, etc.).