

Prof. Torsten Laux (pipe organ), Düsseldorf / Germany

Organist, studied church music at State College of Music and Performing Arts in Frankfurt/Main up to the A-Exam in 1989 (Organ with Hans-Joachim Bartsch, improvisation with Gerd Wachowski) and organ (artistic training with Edgar Krapp) up to the Concert-Exam in 1992.

Further studies followed from 1994 to 1996 with Daniel Roth (Paris) and Bernhard Haas (Stuttgart) at the Music Conservatoire of the Saarland in Saarbrücken (Soloist Examination 1994).

Torsten Laux has won numerous prizes at international competitions for organ including improvisation and composition. He serves as judge at competitions and gives masterclasses in many countries in Europe, the USA, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

From 1991 to 1995 he was Church Musician at the Saalkirche and the Deanery Ingelheim/Rhine, and from 1995 to 1999 Choirmaster und Organist at the Dankeskirche in Bad Nauheim, since 1993 he is additionally Tutor for organ improvisation and artistic organ repertoire at the Conservatoire for Church Music in Bayreuth.

Starting from 1999, he works as lecturer for organ (Artistic organ interpretation and Improvisation) at the Robert Schumann University in Düsseldorf.

In 2006, together with Herbert H. Ludwig and Andreas Petersen, he established the Düsseldorf International Organ Festival which takes place annually in autumn. Later, Torsten Laux also supervised the 'Krummhörner Orgelfrühling' Festival as artistic director.

He has made numerous recordings for compact discs (César Franck: Organ Works, Franz Liszt: The three great organ works, 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern' [How lovely shines the morning star], Improvisations and many more), for radio broadcasts (Hessischer Rundfunk, Südwestfunk, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Belgian Broadcasting, Hungarian Broadcasting, Radio France) and recorded for television (hr, MDR, Arte, France TV 1, Romanian television and Eurovision), also in Great Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Poland, the USA, China, Japan and Australia.