



la festa musicale...

... is a baroque ensemble from northern Germany. Since it was founded in 2014, the young chamber orchestra has swiftly made a name for itself through its passion, stylistic accuracy and virtuosity. High motivation and the first-class artistic niveau of all its musicians are characteristic of the ensemble: they are charismatic representatives of a new generation of historical performance practice. *la festa musicale* has been a guest at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the Handel Festival Halle, the Festival Alte Musik Knechtsteden, the Lower Saxony Music Days and the Festival Alter Musik Regensburg.

The artistic direction is in the hands of the ensemble's concert master, Anne Marie Harer.

“*la festa musicale* is a young and very likeable baroque ensemble. [...] Rarely have I experienced this combination of immense passion, precision and spontaneity. My compliments!” Andreas Scholl, Countertenor (2016)

The ensemble's latest CD was released in November 2024: Georg Joseph Werner Vol. IV: "Werner & Caldara". The recording, a multifaceted compendium of the fugue, explores the musical connections between Antonio Caldara and his student Gregor Joseph Werner. After *Salve Reginas*, *Pastorelles*, the C minor Requiem, masses and motets, this is the fourth part of the highly acclaimed series of works by Haydn's predecessor conducted by Lajos Rovatkay. The third CD in the series was included in the German record critics' list of the best in the first quarter of 2024. In July 2024, "Bach reconstructed" was released with Bach transcriptions by ensemble cellist Christoph Harer. This was preceded by the Venetian album "ANTONIO" with countertenor Alex Potter, "Storie di Napoli" (a Baroque musical city tour through mythical Naples with recorder player Barbara Heindlmeier and soprano Maria Ladurner) and a production with concerti by Francesco Venturini that was celebrated by international experts. There are also recordings of J.S. Bach's motets (with the Hanover Chamber Choir) and church music by Bonifazio Graziani (with the Collegium Vocale Hanover), Diogenio Bigaglia and Antonio Lotti (with the Hanover Boys' Choir) on the same label audite. Concerts by *la festa musicale* have been recorded by Bayerischer Rundfunk, Deutschlandfunk and Norddeutscher Rundfunk, among others.

The ensemble has performed with internationally renowned soloists and conductors such as Jörg Breiding, Anna Dennis, Peter Kooij, Joanne Lunn, Hermann Max, Klaus Mertens, Alex Potter, Andreas Scholl, Jörg Straube, Peter Whelan and Zachary Wilder.

la festa musicale is committed to passing on its own unique enthusiasm for early music to diverse and inquisitive audiences. It is particularly interested in the creation of its own programmes and performance formats. Family and children's concerts such as "Locatelli or the Eavesdropping Magnifying Glass", programmes narrated by the ensemble itself as well as music education projects in primary schools and refugee accommodation bring performers and listeners together: a festival of clapping, singing and dancing!

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