

Philipp Ahmann

Biography

Philipp Ahmann has been Chief Conductor of the North German Radio Choir (NDR Chor) since 2008. Under his direction the chorus has launched its own series of subscription concerts that has met with an enthusiastic response on the part of audiences and critics alike.

In addition to exploring the a cappella repertory of every musical period, Philipp Ahmann has also made a name for himself with his performances of oratorios from the Baroque onwards. In the process he has worked with early music ensembles such as B'Rock, Concerto Köln, Concerto con Anima, Le Concert Lorrain and the Elbipolis Baroque Orchestra as well as with ensembles specializing in contemporary music such as the Raschèr Saxophone Quartet, Ensemble Resonanz. In addition he worked with the Gürzenich Orchestra of Cologne, the MDR Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra and the NDR Radio Philharmonic of Hanover. Appearances with the Hamburg Radio Jazz Orchestra and NDR Brass and his involvement in North German Radio's singalong project SINGING! with over 600 singers are further evidence of his versatility.

He has conducted at renowned festivals like Rheingau Music Festival, Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and International Handel Festival Göttingen.

Philipp Ahmann has released CDs with the NDR Chor and the MDR Radio Choir Leipzig which have been received with critical acclaim.

Philipp Ahmann was born in 1974 and studied conducting with Marcus Creed in Cologne. He began working with radio choirs in 2005, since then he has been working as a guest conductor with the SWR Vocal Ensemble Stuttgart, the WDR Radio Choir Cologne and the Radio Choir of Berlin. In 2013-2016 the MDR Radio Choir Leipzig appointed him Principal Guest Conductor.

In saison 2017/18 – additional to projects with the NDR Chor – Philipp Ahmann will be a guest at the Rundfunkchor Berlin and the MDR Rundfunkchor. Highlights are the opening concert at the Music Festival Usedom as well as performances at the Handel Festival Göttingen, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the Frauenkirche Dresden and the Elbphilharmonie.