

CHRISTOPH SCHOENER

Vita 2020 – short version

Christoph Schoener, born in 1953 in Heidelberg, studied in Freiburg, Paris and Amsterdam and ranks among the most eminent church musicians of his generation. He was Director of Music at St. Michael's Church in Hamburg – a cultural landmark of the city – for more than twenty years. With performances of large-scale works for choir and orchestra, encompassing music from Monteverdi to Bernstein, he perpetuated a long-standing Hamburg tradition by conducting Bach's Christmas Oratorio and St. Matthew Passion as well as Brahms' Requiem every year. Many of his concerts were recorded or broadcast live by North German Radio. He appeared regularly as conductor and organist in the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie and at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival.

Christoph Schoener gained extensive experience in more than 20 years of teaching the organ at various German music conservatories, most recently in Leipzig. His organ recordings under the MDG Label have been highly acclaimed by critics. In 2016 he won an ECHO Klassik award. In 2018 he was appointed an Honorary Professor by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.