

Bernhard Klapprott studied harpsichord with Hugo Ruf and Bob van Asperen, organ with Michael Schneider and Ewald Kooiman, and in master classes continuo playing with Jesper Christensen and organ with Michael Radulescu. He graduated from his studies in Cologne with degrees in harpsichord and organ performance as well as church music and in Amsterdam with an advanced degree in harpsichord performance with distinction. In 1991, he was awarded 1st prize at the 10th International Organ Competition (Bach/Mozart) at the Festival van Vlaanderen in Bruges.

He performs internationally as a keyboard soloist, continuo player and conductor. His discography includes the complete keyboard music by Thomas Tomkins (harpsichord, virginal, organ; MDG), keyboard sonatas by Georg Anton Benda (clavichord built by Johann Gottfried Horn, 1788, Beurmann-Collection Hamburg; Aeolus), South German Keyboard Music around 1600 (Clavicytherium, c. 1620, Germanisches Nationalmuseum Nuremberg; Aeolus), organ music by Johann Sebastian Bach (part of the complete recordings on organs built by Andreas and Johann Andreas Silbermann; Aeolus). Several of his CDs have received awards, including the „ECHO Klassik“ and the „Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik“.

Since 1999, together with Christoph Dittmar, he has been conductor of the ensemble Cantus Thuringia & Capella, which presented numerous concerts and recordings emphasising Central German music from the 16th to 18th centuries and performed stage works combined with historical acting. In this context, he initiated the project „Musikerbe Thüringen“ (Music Legacy Thuringia), which is mainly dedicated to the rediscovery and publication of unknown Thuringian vocal and instrumental music (CD series with cpo and edition). His intensive studies of Central German church music led him to CD premiere recordings of cantatas, passions and oratorios by composers such as Reinhard Keiser, Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow, Georg Friedrich Händel, Georg Gebel d.J., Johann Peter Kellner, Johann Christoph Rothe and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach.

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