



8TH INTERNATIONAL

CONDUCTOR'S SEMINAR WERNIGERODE

MAY 15 - 18, 2027



**WITH VIRGINIA BONO &
GUNTER BERGER**

ORGANIZED BY **INTERKULTUR**
IN COOPERATION WITH **THE CHAMBER CHOIR WERNIGERODE**
SUPPORTED BY **THE CITY OF WERNIGERODE**



INTERKULTUR CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTOR'S SEMINAR 2027.

This high-profile masterclass, featuring two internationally renowned lecturers, will take place from **May 15 to 18, 2027** shortly before the 14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition in Wernigerode, the "colorful city in the Harz region" one of Germany's most beautiful and inspiring small towns and represents a special and excellent extension of INTERKULTUR's educational activities.

Renowned choral conductors and educators Prof. Virginia Bono (Argentina) and Prof. Gunter Berger (Germany) have been invited to lead the seminar.

Participants have the opportunity to study a work from the international choral repertoire intensively with members of the Kammerchor Wernigerode, develop its interpretation, and present it in a final concert. Passive participation as an observer is also possible.

The seminar participants are also expressly invited to take part with their choir in the 14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition Wernigerode 2027 and to benefit from special discounts.



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Possible arrival, evening first meeting in relaxed atmosphere

SATURDAY, MAY 15

- Introduction and grouping
- first piano and choir rehearsals

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - MONDAY, MAY 17

Full-time seminar course, piano and choir rehearsals

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- choir rehearsals
- Closing Concert of the 7th International Conductor's Seminar in the evening
- handover of the Participation Certificates
- Closing Reception

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Departure or participation in the subsequent 14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition Wernigerode 2027

Language of instruction English / German

Join both events -
get a **FREE EVENT PACKAGE** and
one **INDIVIDUAL COACHING** for your choir
(valid for the Johannes Brahms Choir Festival &
Competition Wernigerode 2027)



**14TH INTERNATIONAL JOHANNES BRAHMS CHOIR FESTIVAL &
COMPETITION WERNIGERODE**

MAY 19-23, 2027

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VIRGINIA BONO



GUNTER BERGER

THE LECTURERS

PROF. VIRGINIA BONO – ARGENTINA

- Conductor and choir conducting professor, trained in Argentina and Germany
- Founding Artistic and Musical Director of the award-winning Argentine chamber choir *Estudio Coral Meridies*
- Educator in Choral Singing and Conducting at the Instituto Coral de la Provincia de Santa Fe
- Recipient of numerous national and international awards as a conductor and with her choirs
- Regularly invited as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and lecturer in Argentina, Latin America, and Europe

PROF. GUNTER BERGER – GERMANY

- Conductor and professor, trained in music education and orchestral conducting in Weimar and Leipzig
- Former Director of the MDR Children's Choir, leading it to recognition across Europe
- Choral Director of the Dresden Philharmonic Choir (until 2022) and Philharmonic Children's Choir, with extensive international concert activity
- Director of the Bürgerchor at the Kulturpalast
- Extensive collaboration with renowned choirs and ensembles, including the Gewandhaus Choir Leipzig and Berliner Cappella

DIRECTION: PETER HABERMANN – GERMANY

- Artistic Director of the International Conductors' Seminar and the International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition
- former director of several choirs, including the Rundfunk-Jugendchor Wernigerode
- juror at international choir competitions



PETER HABERMANN



JEAN-PHILIPPE APEL

CONDUCTOR

JEAN-PHILIPPE APEL – GERMANY

- Artistic Director of the Chamber Choir Wernigerode, the Young Chamber Choir Düsseldorf and the Clara Schumann Chamber Choir Düsseldorf and internationally active as musical recording director
- guest conductor at the Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus since the 2023 / 2024 season
- studies in classical and audiovisual music production at the Institute for Music and Media and studies for a master's degree in choral conducting with Prof. Timo Nuoranne at the Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf

THE CHAMBER CHOIR WERNIGERODE

The Chamber Choir Wernigerode consists of alumni of the Landesgymnasium für Musik Wernigerode and was founded in 2003 by Peter Habermann. The members received musical education during their time at school and gained international concert experience in the Radio Youth Choir Wernigerode or the Wernigerode Girls' Choir. Today, the singers live all over Germany. With their shared memories, individuality and love of experimentation, they create the unmistakable sound that was awarded gold medals at the 2018 World Choir Games in Tshwane (South Africa). The ensemble experiments with innovative concert formats and is a guest in renowned concert series such as the MDR Musiksommer. The Wernigerode Chamber Choir has been conducted by Jean-Philippe Apel since 2023.



REPERTOIRE

International choral literature

The repertoire brings together different eras, styles and musical perspectives – from German Romanticism and the English choral tradition to contemporary choral music.

The complete repertoire will be announced by the end of 2026.

Further information: interkultur.com/ICS2027

PARTICIPANT FEE

per person

- active **290 €***
- passive (observer) **150 €**

Included Benefits

- participation in the conductor's seminar with internationally renowned conductors
- sheet music of all compositions at site
- invitation to the closing reception
- certificate of participation
- support on-site from the INTERKULTUR international and local team

** Active participants will be selected after reviewing the applications and the submitted application materials.*

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

Offered by official partners and authorized agencies of INTERKULTUR

Accommodation in the centrally located hotel HKK Hotel Wernigerode		
all prices are per person in	single room	double room
accommodation package for 4 nights	438,- €	322,- €
additional night incl. breakfast & tourist tax	109,50 €	80,50 €

Benefits of accommodation package:

- 4 overnights
- 4x breakfast
- tourist tax for 4 days