

CV Caucasian Chamber Orchestra

The Caucasian Chamber Orchestra was founded in summer 2005 including outstanding string players of the Caucasian region under the leadership of the German conductor, composer and pianist Uwe Berkemer. His vision was and is, to demonstrate that music is a unifying force across borders and boundaries, a symbol for peace and mutual understanding.

Different Concert Tours have brought the orchestra to important Concert places in Europe, like "Konzerthaus Berlin", March 2006, "Hofburg Wien" September 2006 (invited by the OSCE), "Dôme des Invalides" Paris October 2007, "Grand Hall of Conservatory" Brussels October 2007, "Palau Valencia" October 2011.

The Caucasian Chamber Orchestra, which has been supported several times by the European Parliament, has followed several invitations to play in the European Parliament Brussels (2006, 2010, 2016) and Council of Europe Strasbourg (2007).

In June 2007 a 90 minutes documentary movie "Grozny Dreaming" about the Orchestra and its vision has been shot for the International Cinema (World Premiere August 2008 in Ascona) and awarded with the first Prize of the International Film-Festival Verona- Lessinia (Lessinia d'oro '08).

Since 2008 the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra is working on temporary projects, as the orchestra's common ground and financial basis in Tiflis has been destroyed by the war between Georgia and Russia.

In March 2016 the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra was celebrating a special Jubilee-Tour according to its 10th. anniversary.

CV Uwe Berkemer

Graduated at the "Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt" as a Concert Pianist with studies in Conducting, Singing and Composing Uwe Berkemer was enabled at an early age to work as a multitalented musician.

Concerts, CD productions, radio and TV recordings regularly take him to the important culture metropolises of Germany, England, Ireland, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, the USA, Canada, etc.

Among his most important compositions are his sonata for Cello and Piano: WP Germany 1999, Violin Concerto: WP 2000 Germany, Fantasy for String Orchestra: WP 2001 Georgia, "Ilankugha"-- a musical fairy tale for speaker, string orchestra and piano: WP 2001 Germany, Reflexionen für Cello: WP USA 2005, Chamber Symphony: WP France 2007 etc.

From 2000 to 2003 he was Principal Guest Conductor of the Georgian State Chamber Orchestra. Since 2001 he is Principal Conductor and Artistic Director of the World Chamber Orchestra. In 2005 he founded the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra.

In 2007 Uwe Berkemer was awarded the Certificate of Honour from the Minister of Culture of Armenia for his outstanding cultural engagement in the Caucasus region. In 2008 he was nominated as the first "Ambassador of Utopia" by the Monte-Verita-Foundation Ascona in cooperation with the government of Venice.