

Hans U. Hielscher

Organist

Born in Detmold, Germany

EDUCATION

Herford, Westfälische Landeskirchenmusikschule (Church Music School of Westfalia)

Detmold, Staatliche Hochschule für Musik (State Academy of Music) Final Examinations (State Degree A): organ, piano, harpsichord, conductor, composer;

Studied French Organ Music in Paris and Rouen (Marcel Lanquetuit)

Studied Carillon in **Amersfoort** (The Netherlands) at *Nederlandse Beiaard School*

MUSICAL CAREER

1969-73 Organist-Choirmaster on the island of **Juist** (North Sea), Lutheran Church

1973-79 Organist-Choirmaster-Carillonneur **Bielefeld**, Altstadt Nicolai Church

Since 1979 Organist-Carillonneur (Director of Music) **Wiesbaden** Marktkirche and Municipal Organist at Wiesbaden Kurhaus Concert Hall

Since 1962 more than 2.800 organ recitals in Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Luxemburg, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Israel, U.S.A. (36 tours in 39 different U.S. states), Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, The Bahamas, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok

He has appeared in Festivals and major recital series at:

Altenberg (Cathedral), Bamberg (Cathedral), Berlin (Cathedral, Gedächtniskirche, Matthiaskirche), Braunschweig (Cathedral), Bremen (Cathedral), Dortmund (St. Reinoldi), Erfurt (Cathedral), Essen (Cathedral), Frankfurt (St. Katharinen), Freiburg (Cathedral), Hamburg (St. Petri), Hannover (Marktkirche), Herford (Minster), Limburg (Cathedral), Lübeck (Cathedral), Mainz (Cathedral), Münster (Cathedral), Nürnberg (St. Lorenz), Ottobeuren (Basilica), Paderborn (Cathedral), Passau (Cathedral), Tübingen (Stiftskirche), Ulm (Minster), Worms (Cathedral), Paris (Notre-Dame und St-Sulpice), Bourges (Cathédrale), Montpellier (Cathédrale), Carcassonne (Basilique), Dijon (Cathédrale), Colmar (St-Martin), Lyon (Auditorium Maurice Ravel), Alpe d'Huez (Notre-Dame), Aubigny, Sélestat (St-Georges), Mulhouse (St-Étienne), Luxembourg (Cathédrale), Lugano (Cathedral), Milano (San Gervaso), Cantú (San Michele), Turin (S. Rita), Cagliari (S. Rosalia), Arcore (S. Eustorgio), London (St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral), Chester (Cathedral), Lincoln (Cathedral), Liverpool (Cathedral), Ely (Cathedral), Salisbury (Cathedral), Norwich (Cathedral), Wells (Cathedral), Canterbury (Cathedral), Gloucester (Cathedral), St. Davids/Wales (Cathedral), Newport (Cathedral), Bury-St-Edmunds (Cathedral), Selby (Abbey), Doncaster (St-George), Rochdale (Town Hall), Leeds (Town Hall), Prag (St. Jacob), Budapest (Matyas Church and Church of the Franciscans), Bern (Minster), Zürich (Frau-Minster), Basel (St. Leonhard), Engelberg (Abbey Church), Lucerne (Hofkirche), Zug (Festival), Fribourg (St-Étienne), Marbella (Iglesia Parroquial), San Sebastián (Basilica Santa Maria), Loyola (Basilica), Mahon/Menorca (Festival), Haarlem (Grote of St-Bavo-Kerk, Kathedrale-Basiliek St-Bavo), Gouda (Grote Kerk), Alkmaar (Grote Kerk), Utrecht (Cathedral), Oslo (Cathedral), Trondheim (Nidaros-Cathedral), Bodö (Cathedral), Odense (Cathedral), Haderslev (Cathedral), Svendborg, Stockholm (Oscarskyrka und Johanneskyrka), Göteborg (Cathedral), Lund (Cathedral), Malmö (St-Petri), Kuopio, Lahti, Helsinki (Cathedral), Tampere (Cathedral), Iceland (Reykjavik Hallgrímskirkja),



Jerusalem (Dormition Abbey Mt. Zion), Tel Aviv (Immanuel Church), Cape Town (Groote Kerk), Johannesburg (Town Hall), Durban (Town Hall), Sydney (St. Andrew's Cathedral), Melbourne (St. Paul's Cathedral; University of Melbourne), Perth (University), Adelaide (Town Hall), Auckland (St. Matthew's-in-the-City), Wellington (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Town Hall), Christchurch (Town Hall), Nassau/Bahamas (Cathedral), Hong Kong (Cultural Center Concert Hall), Singapore (St. Andrew's Cathedral), Toronto (Metropolitan Church), Montréal (Oratoire St-Joseph), Los Angeles (First Congregational, Immanuel Presbyterian, St. John, Pasadena Presbyterian, Santa Monica Presbyterian), San Francisco (Grace Cathedral, St. Mary's Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal, St. Francis-of-Assisi, Berkeley University, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Stanford University), New Haven (Yale University), Hartford (Trinity College), Garden Grove (Crystal Cathedral), Seattle (Plymouth Church), Spokane (Cathedral), Honolulu/Hawaii (St. Andrew's Cathedral, Central Union Church, Holy Innocent's Church Lahaina), Washington DC (National Cathedral, National Shrine, National City Christian Church, Foundry Church), Dallas (Highland Park Methodist Church), New York City (Riverside Church, St. Bartholomew, St. Thomas Fifth Avenue)

18 CD recordings (Motette, Organophon, IFO, Organ and Wergo labels) with mainly 19th century organ music

Radio and TV recordings in Germany, U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand

Since 1974 organization and organist of Organ Study Tours in various European countries

Composer of organ and chamber music, published by H. T. FitzSimons (USA), Taverner Editions (Great Britain) and Dr. Butz Musikverlag (Germany)

Author of the books "Alexandre Guilmant - Life and Work", "Famous Organs in the U.S.A.", "The Organ at Wiesbaden Marktkirche" and publications in various German organ magazines, translator of the German edition of Michael Murray's biography on: "Marcel Dupré - The Life of a Master Organist"

1985 Organist at Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles/California in an exchange program with Prof. Dr. Samuel J. Swartz, Los Angeles

1985 honored by the French government in Paris for his worldwide engagement in French organ music and nominated "*Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*"

1986, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2000, Guest Professor and lecturer/recitalist at Redlands University California (lecture topics: "19th Century French Organ Music and Its Registration on American Organs", "Max Reger: Chorale Preludes op. 67", "Marcel Dupré and His American Organ Concert Tours"; "Alexandre Guilmant and His American Organ Concert Tours", "Brahms' Opus 122")

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