

Anno Schreier - Biography

Anno Schreier was born in Aachen, Germany, in 1979 and has made a name for himself especially as an opera composer. Following commissions from opera houses in Mainz ("Kein Ort. Nirgends" after Christa Wolf, 2006) and Würzburg ("Wunderhorn", 2008), his opera "Die Stadt der Blinden" after Jose Saramago was premiered at the Zurich Opera House in 2011. 2012 saw the premiere of the chamber opera "Mörder Kaspar Brand" at Deutsche Oper am Rhein, 2013 the song cycle "Wunderland" at Mainfranken Theater Würzburg and the opera "Prinzessin im Eis" at Theater Aachen. Theater an der Wien in Vienna opened its 2016/17 season with Anno Schreier's opera "Hamlet", based on a libretto by Thomas Jonigk, in a production by Christof Loy. This production earned widespread acclaim and was nominated for the 2017 International Opera Awards.

Anno Schreier has worked with orchestras and ensembles such as the Orchestre National de Belgique, Philharmonic State Orchestra Mainz, Brussels Philharmonic, Ensemble Modern, Armida Quartett, Aachen Symphony Orchestra, as well as at the festival young.euro.classic 2005 and 2008 in Berlin, Munich, Shanghai and Beijing. In the 2009/10 season he was composer in residence in Heidelberg, in 2011 he composed an orchestral work for the 350th anniversary of the Badische Staatskapelle, Karlsruhe. This orchestra also premiered Anno Schreier's cello concerto "On A Long Strand" in 2015, with Julian Steckel as soloist.

Anno Schreier received piano, violin, organ and music theory lessons from an early age. From 1999 to 2007 he studied composition with Manfred Trojahn and Hans-Jürgen von Bose in Düsseldorf and Munich, supplemented by a year of study at Royal College of Music in London.

Anno Schreier received numerous awards and scholarships, such as from the German National Study Foundation, Deutsche Bank Foundation, the City of Munich, the Academy of Arts in Berlin, the Wilfried-Steinbrenner-Foundation and the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences and the Arts.

In 2010, Anno Schreier received a year-long scholarship at the German Academy in Rome (Villa Massimo). In 2012 he was awarded the Prize for Young Artists of North Rhine-Westphalia. In 2016 Anno Schreier joined the Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz as a junior fellow. In 2017, he was awarded the German Composers Award (Deutscher Musikautorenpreis) in the "Opera" category.

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