

# Singer Pur

The aim to make a cappella singing in their lives already developed at school: soon after leaving five former members of the famous *Regensburger Domspatzen* cathedral boys' choir put it into practice and founded Singer Pur in 1992.

It was a fortunate love affair that brought a soprano into their ranks: soon afterwards the sextet with the unusual combination of voices (a soprano, three tenors, a baritone and a bass) won first prize in the 1994 *Deutscher Musikwettbewerb*, a year later they coveted *Grand Prix* for vocal ensembles at the international *Tampere Music Festival* in Finland, and was launched on its road to becoming the leading German-speaking vocal group. Soon television and radio appearances, CD recordings, invitations to major festivals and concerts in over 50 countries established an international career.

There are no stylistic limitations to Singer Pur's repertoire. Its programmes include anything performable by voices from medieval times to the avant-garde, a host of new compositions and arrangements written for the group, various forms of improvisation, co-operations with musicians as diverse as *The Hilliard Ensemble*, the composer and jazz clarinet player *Michael Riessler* or the young clarinet player *David Orlowsky*, and orchestras such as the *Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin* and the *Sinfonieorchester des WDR Cologne*.

The Singer Pur discography consists more than 20 CDs, several of which have been awarded. Two of them with "*Le Choc de l'Année*" by the French music magazine "*Le Monde de la Musique*" and three more with the *ECHO Klassik* in 2005, 2007 and 2011, considered the most renowned classic music CD award worldwide.

In 2008 Singer Pur received the *Culture Award* of the City of Regensburg. One of its two volumes with arrangements by and dedicated to Singer Pur was honoured with the award of "*the best edition of the year*" 2009 during the *Frankfurter Musikmesse*.

For several years Singer Pur has supported young musicians taking part in its international workshops for *Europa Cantat*, *AMJ* and *Rhapsody in School*.

In 2013 Singer Pur received the prestigious *Caeciliaprijs* (Belgium) and the *Bavarian State Prize for Music* (Germany), in 2014 the *Fritz-Goller-Award* and the *Friedrich-Baur-Award* of the *Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts*. In 2015 the title "*Ambassadors for the Friends of Choral Music in Europe*" was bestowed on Singer Pur.