

PETER LANG (Austria)



The pianist Peter Lang, born in Lambach/Austria in 1946, received his first music lessons from his father, the organist and choir director Hermann Lang. This was followed by musical studies with Kurt Neumüller, Bernhard Paumgartner, Kurt Overhoff and Gerhard Wimberger at the Mozarteum University Salzburg, as well as with Friedrich Gulda and Géza Anda. His concert career began in 1955 and at the age of 15 Peter Lang performed with the Camerata Salzburg under Bernhard Paumgartner. In 1965 he made his debut at the Salzburg Festival. As a soloist, he has worked with outstanding orchestras, including the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, the Camerata Salzburg, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, the NHK Symphony Orchestra Tokyo and performed in all major music centers around the world. He organised chamber concerts with Ruggiero Ricci and the Ensemble Wien-Berlin. During the Salzburg Mozart Weeks, he worked with Claudio Abbado, Kiri Te Kanawa and Walter Levin. In 1978 he was appointed to the Mozarteum University Salzburg as a professor for piano. From 1979 to 2002 Peter Lang headed the keyboard instruments department at the Mozarteum and in 1985 founded the interdisciplinary "Musical Academies", which he headed until 1995. Since 1980 he has been teaching master classes in Europe, the USA and the Far East. In addition to his concert and teaching activities, he acts as a juror in international, highly regarded competitions in Europe, the USA, Japan and Russia, at the Salzburg International Mozart Competition since 1982 and at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1998 and 2007. From 1988 to 1991 he was director of the Mozarteum International Summer Academy. For some years now,

Peter Lang has been mainly devoted to his artistic work and the promotion of young people.

2013 honorary member of the Mozarteum University Salzburg

2017 honorary citizen of his hometown Lambach

2018 Culture Medal of the State of Upper Austria