

Stephan Winkler - Biography

Stephan Winkler was born 1967 in Görlitz. He studied composition and violoncello from 1985 to 1991 at the Hochschule für Musik “Hanns Eisler” Berlin. In 1990 he founded ECHO – the first ensemble for contemporary music at the Hochschule – which he directed until 1999. Since 1991 he has been working as a composer and teacher at Hochschule für Musik “Hanns Eisler” and Musikschule Berlin-Kreuzberg, as well as a regular conductor of the main Berlin contemporary music ensembles. In 1991 he received travel scholarships to Vienna, Venice, London and Paris from the Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart. He lived in New York City during 1994-1995, and held a residency at Princeton University with a Postgraduate Scholarship of Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD). In 1999-2000 he was a resident at Cité International des Arts in Paris. In 2000 he co-founded SKART with fellow composer Michael Beil, which has been realizing a number of audiovisual concert concepts for exceptional locations, such as The German Foreign Ministry, the FIFA football globe (after Buckminster Fuller) at The Brandenburg Gate and others. During the year 2008 he was resident at the German Academy Villa Massimo in Rome, Italy. Stephan Winkler has written four works for large orchestra, and a number of chamber music pieces, some of which include electro-acoustic parts and video – as well as one music theatre work and contributions to other genres. He released his first CD in 1998 with writer and performer Max Goldt. In 2005 a DualDisc (CD/DVD) with lavish sound productions of three of his major chamber music works has been published by WERGO/Schott, including an animated video by Jesko Marx. Stephan Winkler lives and works in Berlin.