

Flautando Köln



Flautando Köln founded in 1990, nowadays numbers among the most renowned recorder quartets in Germany and has made a name for itself on international stages too. Katharina Hess, Susanne Hochscheid, Ursula Thelen and Kerstin de Witt received their artistic training in Amsterdam, Hamburg and Cologne, completing their studies „with honours“. Since it was founded, Flautando Köln has performed at home and abroad, and made numerous radio and CD recordings for the **West German Radio (WDR)**, **Southwest German Radio (SWR)** the „Deutschlandfunk“ and **Radio Bremen**.

With a large musical repertoire from the Middle Ages to the Modern, unusual concert programs and a continually growing collection of instruments, the musicians of Flautando Köln have made guest appearances at the Schleswig Holstein Music Festival, the Tage Alter Musik in Berlin and Herne, the Dresden Music Festival, on WDR's „Night Music“, at the International Exhibition of Early music in London and in the Porto Series in Portugal, and at other Music Festivals in Taiwan, Korea, Central America, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and in Switzerland among others.

Flautando Köln also maintains regular and close collaborations with other musicians and ensembles, with whom they develop joint concerts and projects, as well as with composers who write new works for the ensemble. Since 1997, the members of Flautando Köln are guest instructors at the „Casa de los tres mundos in Nicaragua“. This project is sponsored by „pan y arte“ and the German Music Council.

"It 's a joy to see how for 20 years now, you have escaped the routine with such ease, always reinventing yourself, and bringin such pleasure both to the eyes and ears." (Michael Becker, director Tonhalle Düsseldorf)

"You forget all prejudice about the recorder after a Flautando concert, as you can just happily enjoy great music" (Anka Zink, comedian)

"Your concerts draw inquisitives audiences which are soon enthused by your vibrant playing and unconventional programming" (Louwrens Langevoort, director Kölner Philharmonie)