

Biography - Andra Darzins, Viola

Andra Darzins (Viola) is acclaimed throughout Europe, Australia, Asia, North and South America as a soloist and chamber musician. Born to Latvian parents in Australia, she studied in Adelaide and as a Churchill Fellowship and DAAD scholarship holder in Berlin with Wolfram Christ, finishing her Masters degree with distinction. She was principal violist of the Hamburg Philharmonic from 1993 to 2004, when she was appointed professor in Stuttgart. She has given several world premieres, including the viola concerto dedicated to her by the Latvian composer Maija Einfelde. Among her awards and distinctions are a first prize at the ABC Concerto Competition in South Australia, the Prix Frédéric Liebstoekl at the Geneva Competition, a second prize at the Lionel Tertis International Viola Competition and the Eduard Söring Prize of the Hamburg Opera. She has released a number of solo CDs, which have received prizes and been highly praised by music critics. The recent CD "America", on which she plays the solo viola in Feldmans „Rothko Chapel“ together with the SWR Vokalensemble was awarded the „Prize of the German Record Critics“ in 2014.

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