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Biography CAMERATA BERN Season 2021/22

«Camerata Bern's performances come across with fiery spirit»
BBC Music Magazine, February 2021

CAMERATA BERN combines innovation and quality at the highest possible level. Full of curiosity and joy in playing, the ensemble forges new paths, tests limits, and delights audiences with daring programs.

Founded in 1962 with the goal of performing as a flexible formation without conductor, CAMERATA BERN is today a world-renowned chamber orchestra with 15 members, all outstanding soloists. Patricia Kopatchinskaja has been Artistic Partner of the ensemble since 2018.

CAMERATA BERN performs a wide repertoire from baroque to contemporary. With its own concert series in Bern and strong ties to the city, the ensemble also appears regularly at international festivals and at leading concert halls in Switzerland, in Europe, in North and South America, and in Asia, performing with high-profile artists such as Ilya Gringolts, Steven Isserlis, Anna Prohaska, Antje Weithaas, Sergio Azzolini or Kristian Bezuidenhout. Each season the ensemble names a composer in residence, in 2021/22 the Swiss composer Gabrielle Brunner.

Recordings on CD and vinyl have won several international awards, such as the Grand Prix du Disque, the German Record Critics' Award or the Echo Klassik. The CD «Time and Eternity» with Patricia Kopatchinskaja was released in September 2019 and shortlisted in 2020 for the Gramophone Award. Also in 2020, the album «Plaisirs illuminés» with Patricia Kopatchinskaja, Sol Gabetta and a commissioned work by Francisco Coll (Composer in Residence 2018/19) was released and picked as *Gramophone* magazine's Editor's Choice.

With over 200 concerts in schools in the Canton Bern since 2010, the CAMERATA BERN carries out significant work in music education for children.

The CAMERATA BERN foundation is subsidized by the city of Bern, the Canton Bern and the regional conference Bern-Mittelland. The foundation receives support from the Burgergemeinde Bern, the Ursula Wirz Foundation as well as other foundations, partners and sponsors.

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