



7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
**CONDUCTOR'S  
SEMINAR  
WERNIGERODE**

**JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 2025**



**WITH AI HOOI LIM & MAT WRIGHT**



ORGANIZED BY **INTERKULTUR**  
IN COOPERATION WITH **THE CHAMBER CHOIR WERNIGERODE**  
SUPPORTED BY **THE CITY OF WERNIGERODE**



## **INTERKULTUR CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTOR'S SEMINAR 2025.**

This high-profile masterclass, featuring two internationally renowned lecturers, will take place from **June 28 to July 1, 2025** shortly before the 13<sup>th</sup> International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition in Wernigerode, the "colorful city in the Harz region" one of Germany's most beautiful and inspiring small towns and represents a special and excellent extension of INTERKULTUR's educational activities.

Ai Hooi Lim (Singapore) and Mat Wright (Great Britain), who have been cooperating with INTERKULTUR during the last years, will act as workshop lecturers.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform with the Chamber Choir Wernigerode, to study international choral literature intensively, to develop interpretations and to present them in a final concert. A participation as observer is also possible. We are also pleased that for the first time it will be possible to participate as a singer (limited capacity).

The seminar participants are also expressly invited to take part with their choir in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition Wernigerode 2025 and to benefit from special discounts.



## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Possible arrival, evening first meeting in relaxed atmosphere

### SATURDAY, JUNE 28

- Introduction and grouping
- first piano and choir rehearsals

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - MONDAY, JUNE 30

Full-time seminar course, piano and choir rehearsals

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

- choir rehearsals
- Closing Concert of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conductor's Seminar in the evening
- handover of the Participation Certificates
- Closing Reception

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Departure or participation in the subsequent 13<sup>th</sup> International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition Wernigerode 2025

Language of instruction English / German

Join both events -  
get a **FREE EVENT PACKAGE** and  
one **INDIVIDUAL COACHING** for your choir  
(valid for the Johannes Brahms Choir Festival &  
Competition Wernigerode 2025)



**13<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL JOHANNES BRAHMS CHOIR FESTIVAL &  
COMPETITION WERNIGERODE**

JULY 2-6, 2025

A close-up portrait of Ai Hooi Lim, a woman with short dark hair, smiling and looking down. She is wearing a dark top and a necklace. Her right hand is raised slightly, with fingers spread.

**AI HOOI LIM**

A portrait of Mat Wright, a man with short hair, wearing a purple polo shirt. The shirt has a logo that says 'BYC Barnsley Youth Choir' and 'MAT WRIGHT' on the chest. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

**MAT WRIGHT**

## **THE LECTURERS**

### **AI HOOI LIM – SINGAPORE**

- graduated in 1989 from the Royal College of Music, London, majoring in Piano and Voice
- recognized and respected conductor and educator in Singapore's choral scene
- founder of ONE Chamber Choir and co-founder Sourcewerkz PL to further her calling to teach, touch and transform the larger international choral community and its audience, proving that music is indeed, without borders
- uses the creation of music as a platform to share and infuse her values and beliefs in her singers and inspires them to touch the hearts of the audience

### **MAT WRIGHT – GREAT BRITAIN**

- founder and Artistic Director of the award winning Barnsley Youth Choir, a community choir of 650 members based in an area of significant deprivation
- has worked in Education at Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and University levels as an Advanced Skills Teacher, Advisory Teacher and as a Regional Director of Education for a large Education Trust
- composer and arranger
- in demand internationally as a clinician, workshop leader, conductor and adjudicator

### **DIRECTION: PETER HABERMANN – GERMANY**

- Artistic Director of the International Conductors' Seminar and the International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition
- former director of the Wernigerode Radio Youth Choir
- juror at international choir competitions

PETER HABERMANN



JEAN-PHILIPPE APEL



## CONDUCTOR

### JEAN-PHILIPPE APEL – GERMANY

- Artistic Director of the Chamber Choir Wernigerode, the Young Chamber Choir Düsseldorf and the Clara Schumann Chamber Choir Düsseldorf and internationally active as musical recording director
- guest conductor at the Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus since the 2023 / 2024 season
- studies in classical and audiovisual music production at the Institute for Music and Media and studies for a master's degree in choral conducting with Prof. Timo Nuoranne at the Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf

## THE CHAMBER CHOIR WERNIGERODE

The Chamber Choir Wernigerode consists of alumni of the Landesgymnasium für Musik Wernigerode and was founded in 2003 by Peter Habermann. The members received musical education during their time at school and gained international concert experience in the Radio Youth Choir Wernigerode or the Wernigerode Girls' Choir. Today, the singers live all over Germany. With their shared memories, individuality and love of experimentation, they create the unmistakable sound that was awarded gold medals at the 2018 World Choir Games in Tshwane (South Africa). The ensemble experiments with innovative concert formats and is a guest in renowned concert series such as the MDR Musiksommer.

The Wernigerode Chamber Choir has been conducted by Jean-Philippe Apel since 2023.



## REPERTOIRE

### International choral literature

The repertoire will be announced latest at the end of 2024.

All pieces should be well prepared in order to ensure intensive seminar and rehearsal work.

Further details on the procedure will be provided after registration.

## PARTICIPANT FEE

per person

- active **290 €**
- passive (observer) OR singer **150 €**

### Included Benefits

- participation in the conductor's seminar with internationally renowned conductors
- sheet music of all compositions at site
- invitation to the closing reception
- certificate of participation
- support on-site from the INTERKULTUR international and local team

## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

Offered by official partners and authorized agencies of INTERKULTUR

Accommodation in the centrally located hotel "Altwernigeröder Hof"		
all prices are <b>per person</b> in	single room	double room
<b>accommodation package for 4 nights</b>	324,- €	244,- €
<b>additional night incl. breakfast</b>	81,- €	61,- €

Benefits of accommodation package:

- 4 overnights
- 4x breakfast

## INTERKULTUR SCHOLARSHIPS

During the events 2024 INTERKULTUR grants scholarships for the participation in this seminar to young, talented conductors who have achieved outstanding results with their ensembles.

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:**

FEBRUARY 19, 2025