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## 2ND INTERNATIONAL BACH | LISZT ORGAN COMPETITION

**23 august - 5 september 2011**

### **The competition**

The International BACH | LISZT Organ Competition Erfurt - Weimar - Merseburg pays homage to both luminaries of Thuringia's musical history. Johann Sebastian Bach's relationship to the organ is known the world over. In contrast, many of Franz Liszt's organ works and their importance to the development of the organ's chromaticity is relatively unknown, something which should change in 2011, the Liszt Year (the celebration of the 200th anniversary of his birth and the 125th anniversary of his death).

The International BACH | LISZT Organ Competition is organized by the City and Cathedral of Erfurt in cooperation with the LISZT UNIVERSITY of Music Weimar and the City and Cathedral of Merseburg.

Since 2008, the competition has resumed and expanded the former International "Cathedral Mount" Organ Competition that took place in Erfurt in 1999. Through the diversity and the importance of historic and modern instruments, the current competition has taken on worldwide significance.

### **Honorary President:**

Former German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt

### **Under the Patronage of:**

Christine Lieberknecht - Minister President of the Free State of Thuringia

Dr. Joachim Wanke - Bishop of the Diocese of Erfurt

Ilse Junkermann - Bishop of the Protestant Church of Central Germany

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Dom zu Merseburg

**Artistic direction:**

Silvius von Kessel, Erfurt

Michael Kapsner, Weimar

Michael Schönheit, Merseburg

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