

Prof. Wolfgang Helbich

The Berlin native Wolfgang Helbich studied music education, sacred music, and conducting in Detmold and Berlin. He founded the Alsfeld Vocal Ensemble in 1971 and has continued to serve as its permanent artistic director up until the present day. He has held posts in Alsfeld, Berlin, and Bremen as music director at St. Peter's Cathedral from 1976 till 2008.

He is also active in the field of education and has held professorships at the Bremen and Saarbrücken music academies. His many CD releases with the Bremen Cathedral Choir and Alsfelder Vocal Ensemble have brought him a number of prestigious recording prizes.

Alsfelder Vokalensemble Bremen

In the more than four decades since its founding, the Alsfelder Vocal Ensemble has developed an extensive repertoire ranging over several centuries and a fine reputation with the public and the critics for its outstanding musical achievements. Its repertoire includes not only the standard oratorio and a capella literature but also important rediscoveries from the stores of forgotten European musical treasures. Its LP and CD Productions have been distinguished with the German Recording Prize and the German Record Critics Prize. The ensemble has also received awards at international competitions.