

Kolja Blacher, Violin

Kolja Blacher, born in Berlin, went to the Juilliard School of Music in New York at the age of fifteen to study with Dorothy DeLay. After completing his studies with Sándor Végh in Salzburg, he began a remarkable career as a soloist. Since October 1999, he has been a professor at the Hamburg Conservatory. He has made guest appearances with major orchestras, including the Berlin Philharmonic, Leipzig's Gewandhaus Orchestra, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. He has played in concert with such leading conductors as Claudio Abbado, Alain Gilbert, Dmitrij Kitajenko and Kent Nagano.

Apart from a large number of radio recordings, Kolja Blacher can be heard on several CD's. These have been awarded the Diapason d'Or and the prestigious German record award »Vierteljahrespreis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik«.

Kolja Blacher plays the so-called »Tritton« Stradivarius of 1730, acquired from Ms. Kimiko Powers in connection with the Nippon Violin Museum.