**Vita Englisch**

The Swiss baritone and pianist, Christian Villiger, began his musical training in the Zurich Boys Choir. He studied piano at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Zürich. After successful completing, he studied singing with Professor Hans-Joachim Beyer at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Felix Mendelssohn- Bartholdy in Leipzig. In further studies and master-classes he worked with Professor Rudolf Piernay, Professor Klaus Häger and Peter Kooij.

As a concert and oratorio singer, Christian Villiger has performed in major concert halls such as thePhilharmonie in Berlin or the Gewandhaus in Leipzig. Concert engagements have taken him inter alia to the Händelfestspielen Halle, Bachfest Leipzig, Festival international de musiques sacrée Fribourg and Luzern Festival. He worked with orchestras and ensembles such as the Neuen Düsseldorfer Hofmusik, Musica Fiorita Basel, Les Cornets Noirs and Il Delirio Fantastico Lyon. He is a frequent soloist with numerous concert performances at home and abroad.

As a freelancer he works with professional vocal ensembles, including the SWR Vokalensemble Stuttgart, Ensemble Orlando Fribourg, Zürcher Sing-Akademie, Basler Madrigalisten and Basler Vokalsolisten. Radio and television recordings document his musical work.

Christian Villiger is engaged as a piano teacher at the Musikschule Volketswil and as a singing teacher at the MKZ Musikschule Konservatorium Zurich.