



## 2012 – Donation of the first prize at the XVIIIth International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition Leipzig 2012/organ section

In the evening of July 14th, 2012 the XVIIIth International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition Leipzig, held at the St Thomas Church, Leipzig, ended with a festive concert performed by the winners. Throughout 10 days a total of 112 musicians from 23 countries were competing for the coveted title “Bach prize winner” in the sections organ, singing and violoncello/baroque violoncello. In the organ section, 26 musicians from 6 countries participated and presented their skills on organs all over Leipzig to the assessing jury.



After several pre-selections the 22 year old, Johannes Lang won the final held on July 13th , 2012 at the Thomaskirche, Leipzig. He studies Evangelical Church Music and harpsichord with Prof. Martin Schmeding and Karl Ludwig Kreutz at the Public Academy of Music in Freiburg (Breisgau). He has also participated in master classes with Arvid Gast, Bine Katrine Bryndorf, Zsigmond Szathmáry, Frédéric Champion, Ullrich Böhme, Gerhard Gnann and Jean-Claude Zehnder. The young musician has won other awards including his first award at the International Dietrich Buxtehude Organ Competition in Lübeck in 2009 and the “audience prize” at the 60th International Music Competition of the ARD in 2011.

Johannes Lang works as an organist and cantor at the Kreuzkirche in Freiburg and has had an active performing career.

Thanks to the regular donations of mainly the members of the “Neue Bachgesellschaft e.V.” (New Bach Society), it has become possible for us to set up the first prize of the organ section at the Bach Competition this year. The prize of 10.000 € was presented in a festive ceremony on July 14th, 2012 in the presence of our management member Eberhard Lorenz. This was an important step in the establishment of our work as a foundation. We would like to thank everyone for making this possible through their donations and participation.