

# THEO PLATH BASSOON BIOGRAPHY

German bassoonist Theo Plath made his orchestral debut at the age of 16 with the Bergische Symphoniker. Since then, he has appeared as a soloist with the Düsseldorfer Symphonikern in Tonhalle Düsseldorf, Nürnberger Symphonikern, Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz and Bavarian Chamber Orchestra Bad Brückenau. In the 2014 – 2015 season, Theo is a recipient of the Mozart Gesellschaft Dortmund scholarship. Born in Koblenz, Theo began playing the bassoon at the age of five and received his early training with Nikolaus Maler before becoming a student of Prof. Dag Jensen at the Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien Hannover in 2009, while still attending school in his hometown. He has participated in Masterclasses of Klaus Thunemann and Sergio Azzolini, where he received further musical inspiration and guidance.

In addition to winning First Prizes at numerous National and International competitions, such as „Jugend musiziert“ in Germany (in 2009 and in 2012 respectively), the „International Crusell Bassoon Competition in Uusikaupunki, Finnland 2011“, the „Berthold Hummel Competition for Bassoon in Würzburg 2011“, the „Aeolus International Wind Competition 2012“ and the „Munich Gasteig Musikpreis 2014“, Theo is also the recipient of numerous scholarships such as Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben, Jürgen Ponto-Stiftung and the ZukunftsInitiative Rheinland-Pfalz. In 2009, Theo was awarded the „Hans Sikorski-Gedächtnispreis“ for his exemplary way of interpreting contemporary music by Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben.

An avid chamber musician, Theo has performed at significant festivals throughout Europe including the Crusell Music Festival in Uusikaupunki, Finnland, the Mozartfest Schwetzingen and the Davos Festival – Young Artists in Concert. From 2007 – 2013 he was a member of the German National Youth Orchestra under the baton of Sir Simon Rattle and Kirill Petrenko.

Theo is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Music at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, studying under Prof. Dag Jensen.