

Greetings of the President

(Translation: Vincent Osborn)

Welcome to all participants, adjudicators, coaches, audience and friends of the competition. I would like to thank the organizers of this competition and primarily the music council of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the generous sponsors, donors, promoters, executive committee and members of the Sperger society, the city of Ludwigslust, all of which who have helped make this competition, the fifth occurrence, possible! With pride, we can chronicle that the Sperger competition was established in such a manner that it belongs to the rare few competitions for Double Bass worldwide and which takes place regularly every 2 years!

Particularly I would also like to extend my personal thanks to the internationally renowned musicians who have, from the beginning, given their consideration, interest and idealistic support to the competition: Anne-Sophie Mutter, Zubin Mehta, Nikolaus Harnoncourt.

To the participants, who have prepared for many months, and to all involved I wish an unforgettable experience in the beautiful, Baroque city of Ludwigslust.

Klaus Trumpf
Founder and Artistic Director of the Sperger Competition