



Alja Velkaverh

Slovenian flutist Alja Velkaverh lives and works in Cologne, Germany. She finished her studies at the University of Music in Vienna with Hansgeorg Schmeiser and at the same time gained her masters in the Lorenzo Perosi Academy in Italy, studying with Peter-Lukas Graf.

In 2005 she won the position in the orchestral academy of the Bavarian Radio orchestra in Munich and a year later began her professional path as the principal flutist of the Bamberg Symphony orchestra.

In the following years she held principal flute positions in the Leipzig Gewandhaus orchestra, the Stuttgart Philharmonic orchestra and is since 2010 principal flutist of the Gürzenich orchestra in Cologne.

As regular guest she performs with other orchestras, such as Swedish Radio orchestra, La Scala di Milano, Munich Opera, Frankfurt Opera, Konzerthaus Berlin, Vienna Symphonic orchestra, London Philharmonic orchestra and many others.

As a soloist and chamber musician Alja has performed in Korea, Japan and Taiwan with the Gewandhaus Bach Orchestra, played concerts in Slovenia with the Chamber orchestra of Slovenian Philharmonic, solo concerts with Klassische Philharmonie Bonn, Münster Kammerorchester, Aachner Kammerorchester and solo concerts with Gürzenich orchestra in Cologne Philharmonie.

She is cofounder of the Chamber music series Kammermusik Köln and participated in chamber music festivals including KampLintfort, SoNoRo in Bucharest, Chamber Jam in Düsseldorf, Stift Chamber music Festival in Holland, Chamber music Festival of Dijon Opera and Krumbach Chamber music Festival in Austria.

2016-2018 Alja held a teaching position in the University of Music in Cologne and in 2018-2019 in the University of Frankfurt. Since 2021 she's been teaching in Folkwang University in Essen.

In 2021 she released a CD for flute and harp with Hänssler Classic.