



Personal data of Gabi Zahn

Gabi Zahn qualified as an elementary school teacher focussing on mathematics, art and music.

In the eighties she lived with her husband and her four children in Johannesburg, South Africa for a few years.

Since 1988 she has worked as a freelance cultural journalist for various newspapers, writing critiques of classical concerts. She specialised in interviews.

Later, she studied musicology with Prof. Kl. Stahmer in Würzburg and took singing lessons for many years with the soloist Barbara Ullrich-Witt.

Gabi tried to discover the secrets of inspiring 'Lieder' interpretations by attending several master classes (passive) with Prof. Christoph Prégardien and participating in a 'Studium generale' (passive) at the European 'Musikfest' in Stuttgart with Prof. H. Rilling. 'Lieder', in particular all songs by Schubert and Schumann, are very close to Gabi's heart.

In 2003 she founded the non-profit organisation Cape Classic e.V. in Bad Kissingen, Germany.

Since then, every year she organises Cape Classic, a festival of ten concerts of chamber music in South Africa. These concerts are presented in the Western Cape as a regular component of the cultural life there. Besides the outstanding high level of musical quality, Cape Classic concerts also include a social component. With the surplus of the ticket sales the Cape Classic e.V. supports social projects of the region.