

After graduating from high school in Ried/Innkreis I attended the Pedagogical Academy of the Diocese in Linz from 1974-1977 to become a secondary school teacher in the subjects English and music education. In addition to piano, I also learned accordion during this time.

From 1978-1982 I taught at the secondary school in Ranshofen near Braunau and at the same time at the music school in Altheim, which encouraged me to start a teacher training course for zither in 1982 at the Conservatory of Innsbruck with Prof. Peter Suitner. In 1985 I completed with distinction. From 1977-2020 I taught the subject Zither at the music school in Altheim and for a few years because of a lack of teachers even accordion.

My father was also a musician and an excellent zither player. So the affinity for zither playing arose already in my youth. After his early death I learned to play the zither with a friend of his, because at that time professional zither lessons similar to today were not offered.

Due to the success as a zither teacher, my performances and studio work during the 1980s I was invited in 1989 to set up a zither class at the former Bruckner Conservatory. Due to my excellent students the appreciation of the zither increased at the present Bruckner University.

A Concerto for Zither and String Orchestra by Fridolin Dallinger was premiered with the orchestra Harmonices Mundi under Josef Sabaini, several TV – and Broadcasting contributions about my activities also proved to be very helpful.

In 2011 I became Univ. Prof. habilitated for Zither at the Anton Bruckner Private University and taught there until my retirement on 1.2.2021. About 40 zither students completed their Bachelor's or Master's degrees during my teaching activities.

In 1996 I founded the ensemble SALZBURGER SAITENKLANG consisting of harp, zither and guitar.

As a soloist and with my ensemble I have travelled all over the world and experienced many beautiful concerts.

#### Other artistic and pedagogical activities:

Jury activities in Austria, Germany, Russia

Own zither seminars and management of further training for zither

Workshops and lectures in Austria, Switzerland, Germany, USA, Russia incl. Siberia, the Baltic States and Japan

Erasmus teacher exchange programs in Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and others

Since 1984 production of about 30 CDs and numerous publications of sheet music

Publication of the "Peace Mass from Austria" for choir and zither

CD recordings with the St. Florian Boys' Choir and the Vienna Boys' Choir

Collaboration with orchestras: Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, Dresdner Philharmonie, MRO Munich and others

Teaching until 2020 at the PH of the Diocese of Linz

Teaching and direction of the Academy for Zither and Related String instruments

Concert activity as a soloist and with my ensemble Salzburger Saitenklang