



CURRICULUM VITAE Kristel Aer

Kristel Aer graduated from the Estonian Academy of Music (1992) as a choir conductor in the class of Prof. Kuno Areng. In the Academy she also started her organ studies with Prof. Hugo Lepnurm and Ines Maidre.

In 1992, Kristel Aer started organ studies at the church music department of **Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland**, where she received organist-diploma and Magister Artium-degree in church music in 1999. From 1996-1998 Kristel Aer continued her organ studies at the **Royal Conservatorium in Copenhagen** with Prof. Hans Fagius. She has also participated in the masterclasses of L.F. Tagliavini, A. Marcon, L. Lohmann, J. van Oortmerssen, J. Laukvik and D. Sanger.

Kristel Aer was employed as an organ-teacher in Church Music School of Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELK) from 1997-2000. Nowadays she is working in church music department of Theological Institute of EELK and is organ pedagogue at the Tallinn G. Ots Music School.

Kristel Aer has taken part **Tallinn International Organ Festival**, with solo concerts and together with various soloists and choirs. She has performed in several Estonian churches as well as in **Poland, Russia, Germany and Scandinavian countries**. She is the organiser of the “Organ-Summer in Juuru”, taking place in the central-part of Estonia and has participated in recording 4 CD-s.

K. Aer has participated actively in many organ foundations and the **Estonian Organ Friends Association** organizing projects relating to the restoration and renovation of organs as well as competitions for the design and building of new organs.