

Christine Balke – Cello

Principal Cellist with the Lower Saxony State Orchestra
Hanover

Christine Balke has performed as a soloist with various orchestras, including the Lower Saxony State Orchestra where she played Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No.1, and Tchaikovsky's Rococo-Variations as part of a ballet production. She won the Schumann Cello Concerto competition at Indiana University in Bloomington, USA, and received the Masefield Scholarship and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship. Christine Balke graduated from her studies with distinction. She studied with Peter Buck (Melos Quartet), Boris Pergamenschikow and Wolfgang Mehlhorn in Stuttgart, Cologne and Hamburg, and with Janos Starker at Indiana University in Bloomington, USA. Other musical influences have come from Arto Noras, Czaba Onczay, Zara Nelsowa and David Geringas.