

Fritz Henker

(1914 - 1995)

born May 5, 1914 in Dresden

1929 studies at the private music school in Halle, Germany

1930 studies at the Orchestra school of the Saxonian Staatskapelle, Dresden. Here he got from his bassoon teacher a Heckel- bassoon, which he played for 60 years.

1933/34 First bassoonist of the Berner Musikverein (Switzerland) and the City Orchestra Rostock (Germany)



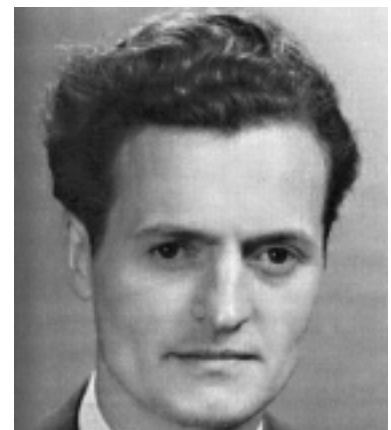
1935 First bassoonist at the Deutschen Opernhaus Berlin (Wilhelm Furtwängler, Karl Böhm, Herbert von Karajan, Yehudi Menuhin) and member of the Chamber Music Association of the German Opera House

1939 Member of the Berliner Chamber Orchestra Hans von Benda

1941-1948 Military service and war captivity

1948 first bassoonist at the Metropolitan Opera House in Berlin

1949 first bassoonist at the North West German Radio Hamburg (NDR), first radio and studio recordings



1954-1979 first soloist at the Hamburg Philharmonic Orchestra (Joseph Keilberth), member of the Hamburg Chamber Orchestra and the Hamburg Bläser-Ensemble)

including
10 years as first
bassoonist at Festival
Bayreuth

7 years as soloist at the Ansbach Bach Festival (Bach-Orchester, Karl Richter)



1974 Professor for bassoon at the Conservatorium Blankenese Hamburg

Numerous guest performances abroad, especially in Italy. He gave his last concert at the age of 73 in 1987 at the Lugano Festival (Aranno).

He was adviser for bassoon construction for Yamaha.

1980-1982 Professorship in Japan at the The Kunitachi College of Music, a private music school in Tokyo, Japan



Fritz Henker died on August 8, 1995 in Bayreuth.