

Short-Biography:

Maria Kliegel, Violoncello

Maria Kliegel studied with János Starker at Indiana University in Bloomington, USA.

Mstislav Rostropovich described her as *La Cellissima*: "The best cellist I have heard since Jacqueline du Pré."

She has won many first prizes in international cello competitions.

With around 1 million CDs sold worldwide, Maria Kliegel is the market leader in the field of cello literature.

Maria Kliegel was a professor at the Cologne University of Music and Dance from 1986 to 2023.

Prior to this, she taught as a professor at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen.

Highest recognition of her masterclasses around the globe. Often she is invited as jury member in competitions like ARD Munich, Paulo Helsinki, Prague Spring, Janacek Brno, Isang Yun Korea, proving her international acclaim.

Maria Kliegel is impressively expanding her sphere of activity as a pedagogue with the international "Cello-Forum La Cellissima" in Essen/Germany she founded as of September 2021.

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