

Ulfert Smidt

grew up in Bremen, where he received his first organ lesson at the age of 10. He studied organ and sacred music in Hanover with Ulrich Bremsteller and passed his A-Examination in 1985. A scholarship by the German Studienstiftung took him to Amsterdam for further studies with Piet Kee and Ewald Kooiman (Concert-exam in 1987).

Ulfert Smidt was church musician, choir-conductor and organ-inspector in Holzminden and Bremen. Since 1996 he has been the organist at the Marktkirche Hanover and the artistic director of the International Organ Concerts held there. In addition, he is docent for organ and improvisation at the Hanover College of Music.

Numerous CDs with Ulfert Smidt have been published (Brahms, Complete organ works; Northern German Organ Music; Bach, Mendelssohn, F. Martin) and won several prizes, including the German Record Critics Prize and the "Echo"-prize.