

Robert Benz



Robert Benz was given his first piano lessons by his father at the early age of four. He studied with *Naoyuki Taneda* at the *Staatliche Hochschule für Musik* in Karlsruhe and with *Rosina Lhevinne* and *Martin Canin* at the *Juilliard*

School in New York. In 1974 he won first prize at both the *International Busoni Competition* in Bozen and the *International Liszt-Bartok Competition* in Budapest. Concert tours brought him to various European countries, the USA, Korea and Japan. Robert Benz has recorded the complete cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas on CD, and he has been the **TrioBamberg's** pianist since 1996. In 1990 he became a professor of the piano at the *Staatliche Hochschule für Musik* in Mannheim and since 2005 he has been the artistic director of the *International Competition for Young Pianists Ettlingen*.