

Magdalena Oliferko

– organist and musicologist –

Magdalena Oliferko was born in Warsaw in 1981. She completed her M.phil. in musicology at the University of Warsaw (2005), and then studied organ at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hamburg (2005-2010), where she received her concert and pedagogy diplomas with Prof. Wolfgang Zerer. Between 2009-2011 she completed her MA in Specialized Music Performance in the field of historical keyboard instruments at the Hochschule für Alte Musik in Basel, Switzerland, expanding her skills with respect to historical performance practice, ensemble playing and conducting. She also studied under the direction of Prof. Lorenzo Ghielmi (organ), Andrea Marcon (maestro al cembalo), Menno van Delft (harpsichord) and Rudolf Lutz (improvisation). She participated in numerous master classes in Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Austria and Spain. Magdalena Oliferko has been granted many scholarships, among them, the Oscar und Vera Ritter-Stiftung scholarship. She performs as a soloist and with the early music ensemble she founded, *Le Jardin d'Eden*. She has been the titular organist of the St. John's Reformed Church in Bern since 2012 and she is a member of Swiss Music Pedagogic Association (SMPV).

In her scientific research she is focused on 19th century music, particularly on Chopin and early music. Magdalena Oliferko is the author of numerous articles, a book, *Fontana i Chopin w listach* (Warsaw 2009; English translation *Fontana and Chopin in Letters*, 2013) and Chopin projects, including a stage performance: *Julian Fontana – in Chopin's Shadow* (staged in Warsaw, Hamburg and Paris i.a.). She has contributed entries for the forthcoming *Chopin Lexicon* (edited by Mieczysław Tomaszewski). She has presented papers in many European countries and in Cuba. Since 2007, she has been closely associated with The Frederic Chopin Institute in Warsaw, and she is a member of the Musicological Section of The Association of Polish Composers (ZKP). Currently, she is preparing her Ph.D. thesis at the Université de Genève and the University of Warsaw.