

## *Establishing a rose garden of roses registered by the name of composers in the castle garden of Bergedorf*

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*Bergedorf, today a district of Hamburg, was in early times (1275-1938) an independent provincial town, well known in Germany and other parts of Europa because of two famous musicians. One of them was born in Bergedorf, Johann Adolf Hasse (1699-1783). He turned out to be one of the best composers of operas and clerical music of his time. The other one Friedrich Chrysander (1826-1901), was the first editor of all the compositions of the great master of music George Frideric Handel, who lived and worked in Bergedorf for more than 30 years. The region of Bergedorf is also well known because of the famous 'Vierländer' roses having been produced here since the 18<sup>th</sup> century.*



*Two years ago Mr. Horst Zapf, a former official, fan of classic music and roses, living in Bergedorf had gotten the idea to create a 'rosarium of composers'. According to his knowledge such a garden did not exist either in Germany nor in Europe until now. Bergedorf called also as a town of music and roses seems to be predestined for establishing a rose garden of composers. In 2008, on the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), who 'celebrated' piano in Bergedorf at the age of 13 years, the composer rosarium was founded near the Brahms monument. Some 20 different varieties have been planted by the name of 'Bach', 'Benjamin Britten', 'Brahms', 'Chopin',*

*'Haendel', 'Puccini' and - as a donation of Mrs. Eva Kigyóssy-Schmidt - 'Zoltán Kodály' bred by Gergely Márk. Further roses with other famous names of composers will be follow. Next year a peculiarity will be the rose 'Ludwig von Beethoven' a new creation of Mr. Heinz Roy living in Saxony, who is himself a composer and at the same time also a rose breeder.*

*We hope that many friends of music and roses will enjoy the composer rosarium in the park of the old castle of Bergedorf. Any additional information on roses named after composers will be wellcome, please contact*

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