Carl-August Bünte: Bruckner Concerts and Recording Project

Carl-August Bünte was born in Berlin in 1925 and he became a pupil of Sergiu Celibidache. Carl A. Bünte was appointed chief conductor of the Berliner Symphonisches Orchester at the early age of 24 and he remained its director for 24 years. In the course of his international career, he has worked with twenty-five orchestras in Europe, thirteen in Japan and three in South America. Honorary professorships have been conferred on him by the National University in Tokyo and the University of the Arts in Berlin.



Bunte was awarded the German Critics' Music Prize in 1961/62 for his interpretations of Beethoven and Bruckner and for his work with the Berliner Symphonisches Orchester.

The **Berliner Symphonisches Orchester** spanned the years from 1949 to 1967. It was one of the three great orchestras in West Berlin alongside the Berliner Philharmoniker and the Radio-Sinfonieorchester. Every year it gave around 60 performances in Berlin and elsewhere, concerts which were extremely well received by audiences and in the press. A Beethoven cycle was a regular feature each spring. The orchestra was renamed the Symphonisches Orchester Berlin in 1967.

During the course of his conducting career, Bünte performed Bruckner on the following dates. Most of the Berlin concerts were with the Berlin Symphonisches Orchester. Over the past few years, Professor Bünte has been working on preserving some of his recorded performances. Those marked with a (*) below have thus far been preserved.

Berlin Performances:

Symphony No. 7 Symphony No. 4 Symphony No. 4	December 25, 1954 March 17 & 27, 1955 May 6, 1956	* (Movements 1-3 exist)
Symphony No. 3 (1878)	September 5, 1957	* (Movements 2-4 exist)
Symphony No. 4	April 6 & 8, 1958	* (April 6 concert)
	March 17, 1959	*
Symphony No. 7		
Symphony No. 4	October 29, 1960	
Symphony No. 4	April 1, 1962	
Symphony No. 7	March 10, 1963	
Symphony No. 7	March 19, 1963	
Symphony No. 4	October 9 & 10, 1965	
Symphony No. 5	November 5 & 6, 1966	
Symphony No. 7	March 16 & 17, 1968	
Symphony No. 3 (1878)	February 22, 23 & 24, 19	68
Symphony No. 8	March 28 & 29, 1970	
Symphony No. 4	October 3 & 4, 1970	
Symphony No. 9	February 6, 7, & 16, 1971	<u>.</u>
Symphony No. 5	February 5 & 6, 1972	
Symphony No. 7	September 30 & October	1, 1972
Symphony No. 4	May 26 & 27, 1973	
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Performances in other locations:

Symphony No. 7 Tokyo (Tokyo Nat'l Univ.) November 11, 1978

Symphony No. 8	Geidai S.O. (Tokyo)	December 9, 1979	*
Symphony No. 5	Montevideo	July 10 & 11, 1982	
Symphony No. 7	Kansai Phil. (Osaka)	May 11, 1994	*