

## **Niek de Groot** Bio English short

Dutch musician Niek de Groot is one of today's leading classical bassists. Since completing a 10 year tenure as first solo-bass with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in 2006, he has dedicated himself to chamber music and solo performances. From 1996 he is Senior Professor at the Folkwang University for the Arts in Essen, Germany.

Niek developed his skills at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada and learned with cellists Frans Helmerson and Lluís Claret. He has recorded for EMI and Nimbus. In 2018 new solo-CD's for AUDITE and BIS were released. Upcoming projects include the recording of Kurtág's chambermusic for AUDITE and the world-premiere of several new doublebass-concertos. Since 2015 he acquired the lifelong privilege to play the world famous Domenico Montagnana double bass from 1747.