

Helmut Braunlich, Composer

1997 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players

Helmut Braunlich was born in 1929 in Bruenn, Moravia, and died on May 24, 2013. He received his formal musical education at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, where he studied violin with Christa Richter-Stener, composition with Egon Kornauth, and music history with Eberhard Preussner. After his immigration to the United States, he pursued further studies in composition with Thaddeus Jones and Leon Kirchner and earned a PhD in musicology from the Catholic University of America.

He appeared as concertmaster, recitalist, and first violinist of the Jefferson Quartet. His recordings are available on Educo Records, Opus One Records, cRI, and Centaur Compact Disc.

Compositions by Dr. Braunlich include chamber music and orchestral works commissioned by a variety of ensembles, including the Contemporary Music Forum, Montgomery County Youth Orchestra, and the Catholic University Wind Ensemble. In 1989, the government of Bavaria awarded him the Sudetendeutscher Kulturpreis in composition. Since then, orchestral works of his have been performed in Stuttgart and Regensburg, Germany.

Dr. Braunlich was head of the composition department at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and taught in the area of theory and composition as well as performance. He was associated with the Contemporary Music Forum as violinist, composer, and director of personnel.



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