

## **Biography**

With her versatile performances, **Pamela Coats**, clarinetist, has made a name for herself in Europe as well as in the United States. As a recitalist, Ms. Coats has performed regularly in such concert series as the Bürgermeisterhaus (the Mayor's Hall) Concert Series (Essen, Germany) as well as the DOMKultur Forum (Cologne, Germany), where she has received wonderful reviews: *"an impressive personality and a brilliant clarinetist"*- **Orchesterverein Zürich**, *"amazing musical ability"*- **Dattelner Morgenpost**, *"Ms. Coats breathed life into these extraordinary distinguished works"*-**DOMKultur Forum**, *"Ms. Coats has a spectacular, passionate dexterity"*- **Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung**. She has received awards and prizes in international competitions in Italy, Germany, as well as in the USA.

Highlights of her solo career include performances in the "Orpheus Classical Music Series" as well as the "Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series" in Chicago which is broadcasted live on WFMT-FM Classical Radio and Channel 25 TV. An active chamber musician, Ms. Coats has participated in several projects with performances in such halls as the Beethovenhalle (Bonn), Berliner Philharmonic, Dachau Schlosserkonzert and Severance Hall. She was also selected to participate in the Yehudi Menuhin project "Live Music Now" in North Rhine Westphalia. As an orchestra musician, Pamela Coats has performed in both opera as well as symphonic orchestras and has participated in such projects as the West Deutsche Radio Musikfest 2008 as well as obtained the position of principal clarinet of the Rome Festival Orchestra in the summer of 2008.

Pamela Coats has earned degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Bachelor of Arts), DePaul University (Master of Music) as well as the Conservatory of Music in Cologne, (Artist's Diploma) Germany. Her teachers have included David Smeyers (director of modern music, Conservatory of Music, Köln), Adolf Münten (co-principal clarinetist, Düsseldorf Symphony), John Bruce Yeh (co-principal clarinetist, Chicago Symphony), Dr. Kelly Burke (principal clarinetist, Greensboro Symphony). Ms. Coats has also attended several masterclasses under the tutelage of Anthony Gigliotti, Fred Ormand, Alfred Prinz, Larry Combs, Eduard Brunner, as well as Ralph Manno. She is continuing her clarinet studies with Ulf Rodenhäuser (former principal clarinetist, Berliner Philharmonic and SWR Orchestra) as well as having lessons with Colin Lawson (director and clarinet professor, Royal College of Music- London).