

Conductor

Martin te Laak studied church music at Düsseldorf Music University. After his A-exam, he received a scholarship from the German Music Council, which enabled him to study choral conducting at the Cologne Music University. Following this training, he attended various master classes, among others with Prof. Eric Ericson (Stockholm). While still a student, Martin te Laak founded the "Overbacher Singschule", with whose choirs he took part in many choir competitions and won several prizes. In 2012 he moved to the municipal vocal workshop "Jülicher Vokalwerkstatt" in Jülich, which he directed until the end of the project in 2015.

Martin te Laak has been the artistic director of the Aachen Chamber Choir since 1996. He is a member of the artistic direction of the international Chorbiennale Aachen.

In the context of children's and youth work, he has been part of the choral conducting team in the Leverkusen Children's and Youth Choir since 2015. As regional choir director of the "Sängerjugend" in the Choir Association of NRW, he has been taking care of the musical needs of the children's and youth choirs in NRW since 2010. This activity includes above all the development and implementation of educational measures as well as the state competition "Jugend Singt". His work as a lecturer mainly includes the training and further education of choir conductors and music educators. In this context, he is currently working for the Protestant Church in the Rhineland, the NRW State Music Academy and the "Chorjugend NRW".

For many years, he has found great joy and fulfilment in composing and arranging.