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Born in 1953 in Preussisch Oldendorf, Lücker studied under Volker Gwinner in Hanover and under the legendary Anton Heiller in Vienna. In the early 1970s, four prizes won at international organ competitions laid the foundation for an extensive career as a concert organist, adjudicator, master class teacher, and editor.

He has performed in numerous European countries and in America, playing many of the great concert hall and church organs, such as the monumental instruments in Merseburg Cathedral and St. Sulpice's in Paris, as well as several important historical organs. He has given concerts with the NDR Symphony Orchestra Hamburg, the Gürzenich Orchestra Cologne, the Orchestra of Tonhalle Düsseldorf, the Frankfurt Museum Orchestra, the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie and the Ensemble Modern.

Between 1998 and 2016, Martin Lücker imparted his artistic experience, immense knowledge, and great love of music as a professor for organ at the Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst (Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts) in Frankfurt am Main.

His concert programmes encompass organ literature spanning from the Renaissance to the contemporary period. From December 2016 to July 2017, Martin Lücker performed the complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach for the third time – having done so in 1985 and 1995 – at St. Catharine's/Frankfurt am Main over the course of 17 evenings.

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As organist at St. Catherine's Church in Frankfurt since 1983, Lücker has become a fixture in the city's classical music scene, not least owing to his "30 Minutes of Organ Music" series – Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. On 6 July 2023, the series will celebrate its 3,900th performance.

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