

David Eben, singer (CZE)

David Eben (* 6 January 1965 in Prague) He is a founder and the art director of the Schola Gregoriana Pragensis ensemble. After graduation from his clarinet studies at the Prague Conservatory in 1986, he took up Musicology at the Faculty of Arts of Charles University. Since the second year he specialized in medieval music, mainly in Gregorian chant. In 1991 he graduated from Conservatoire Nationale Supérieur de Musique de Paris in Conducting Gregorian Chant, and in the following year he worked as a conductor of the Choeur gregorien de Paris ensemble. Then he also often visited the Solesmes monastery, a centre of research into Gregorian chant in order to study and consult the field. Since 1993 he works at the Institute of Musicology of Charles University where he lectures on topics related to Gregorian chant and liturgy (neumatic and choral notation, introduction to Gregorian chant studies, seminar on medieval monody etc.). In September 2008 he became professor of Gregorian Chant at the University of Lucerne (Switzerland). He regularly tutors in summer courses on theory and practice of Gregorian chant in France (Académie internationale de Sees, Centre de musique polyphonique de Picardie Saint-Valery) and in Switzerland (Festival de Musique Sacrée de Fribourg). He has been cooperating with the Czech Radio on a long term basis in creating programmes on Gregorian chant (History of the Tone, the Liturgical Year through Gregorian Chant cycle). Besides medieval sacred music he also deals with other music genres. Together with his two brothers he is active in the Eben Brothers Band.