

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Carlos Kleiber – Traces to nowhere: Winner of the German Record Critics Annual Award**

Halle (Saale), 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

The documentary **Carlos Kleiber – Traces to nowhere**, the first film about the legendary conductor which is produced by Servus TV and published on DVD by Arthaus Musik, wins the German Record Critics Annual Award 2011.

**Jury Statement (excerpt):**

In the artistic world there is often a thin dividing line between genius and madness. But seldom are the peaks of euphoria they induce better illustrated than in the case of Carlos Kleiber, son of the famous conductor Erich Kleiber. Eric Schultz's documentary looks at all aspects of this, offering a fascinating picture of a musician who was at once admirable and tragic. It provides the viewer with a better insight into Kleiber's music and interpretations - and also the extraordinary qualities that make up such an exceptional personality - than could ever be gleaned from an opera or concert performance.

Carlos Kleiber is renowned as one of the greatest conductors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The film, directed by Eric Schulz, follows in the traces of Kleiber's final journey from Munich, where he lived, to the slovenian village Konjšica. The documentary includes interviews with friends such as Plácido Domingo, Otto Schenk, Michael Gielen, Brigitte Fassbaender and Otto Staindl but also his sister Veronika Kleiber. She never wanted to talk about the things her brother did, but in this case she made an exception: It was her first and only interview.

The German Record Critics Annual Award is considered as one of the most important music Award in Germany and is awarded once a year by an independent jury of leading german music journalists.

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