

Double bassist Quirijn van Regteren Altena enjoys a diverse musical life by combining his activities as a soloist, chamber music player and orchestral musician.

Mr. Altena was principal double bass of the Residentie Orkest The Hague for 20 years. He currently is a member of the world renowned Asko-Schönberg Ensemble and professor of double bass at the Royal Conservatory of Music in the Netherlands.

As a soloist he has commissioned various compositions for his instrument.

Four of these works have been featured on his critically acclaimed CD's "Characters" (Olympia Records OCD 467) and "Pantomime" (Aristo 1002).

In March 2003 he premiered a new work by Dutch composer Ernst Oosterveld for electronic bass, the Zeta Bass, entitled SEQ. This new composition was commissioned and performed by the Schönberg Ensemble and very warmly received by the Dutch press.

Along with pianist Peter Beijersbergen van Henegouwen, Mr. Altena concertized extensively throughout Europe and the U.S.

Quirijn van Regteren Altena plays on a 1720 Giovanni Baptista Grancino double bass.