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A Life Dedicated to Choral Music: Carus Founder Günter Graulich turns 100

Stuttgart, June 16, 2026 – On July 2, 2026, Günter Graulich, founder of Carus-Verlag, will celebrate his 100th birthday. As a publisher, church musician, conductor and educator, he has had unparalleled influence upon the cultivation and dissemination of vocal music, creating a life's work that extends far beyond Stuttgart.

What began in 1972 as a small publishing venture founded with his wife Waltraud has grown into an internationally renowned name in choral music: Carus-Verlag in Stuttgart. Günter Graulich laid the foundation for a publishing house uniquely dedicated to vocal music from the Baroque era to the present day.

Yet Graulich was never merely a publisher behind the scenes. Alongside his editorial work he remained an active church musician and conductor. For decades he served as the cantor at Stuttgart's Matthäuskirche, and he also led the Motettenchor Stuttgart for more than fifty years. He produced numerous recordings with his ensemble and toured extensively throughout Europe and the United States.

His particular achievement lies in the rediscovery and editorial preparation of great choral music. Graulich published multiple works from the Baroque, Viennese Classical, and Romantic periods, setting new standards for the quality of these editions. The fact that the sacred choral music of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy and Heinrich Schütz, as well as the oeuvre of Josef Gabriel Rheinberger, are now widely established in the concert repertoire is due in no small part to him: he made many of these works accessible for the first time in modern editions published by Carus.

In recognition of his lifetime achievements Günter Graulich has received numerous honors, including the honorary German title of Director of Church Music (DKM) and the Federal Cross of Merit, First Class.

Günter Graulich lives in Stuttgart with his wife Waltraud. Carus Verlag remains a family-owned company and is now led by their youngest son, Dr. Johannes Graulich.

Dr. Johannes Graulich: "Carus Verlag honors its founder with deep gratitude, and proudly embraces its mission to carry his musical vision into the future."