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He wrote many publications on J. J. Froberger – “A New Froberger Manuscript”, 2007 - , Louis Couperin, Frescobaldi, Sweelinck, the *cembalo cromatico*, Vivaldi and Netherlandish composers.

Since many years he gives recitals all over the world having made about 70 solo recordings on CD with works by J.S. Bach – *Ciaccona*, the Inventions, The Welltempered Clavier, the Concerts for 1-4 harpsichords, the Toccatas - C.P.E. Bach, Frescobaldi, Scarlatti, Händel, François and Louis Couperin, John Bull etc. Recently were issued the French Suites by J. S. Bach on a harpsichord by Christian Vater, Hannover 1738 at the Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nürnberg.

At this moment he is recording the complete works of Johann Jacob Froberger on historical harpsichords and organs for AEOLUS. Several volumes of this *Froberger Edition* received the ‘Diapason d’Or and ‘Dix du Répertoire’; in 2011 its volume 7 ‘Capriccio’, the first complete recording of Frobergers Capriccio’s on the Arp Schnitger organ in Norden received as the only organ disc the “German Record Critics Award’.

In his *Louis Couperin Edition*, Bob van Asperens records the complete works of Louis Couperin on historic instruments of which recently volume two appeared, recorded on the Vaudry harpsichord, Paris 1681 in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. On this production the magazine *Répertoire* wrote: “...émouvants points de rencontre entre un musicien génial et un interprète visionnaire”.

At his concert 15 of March, 2012 in the Chamber Hall of Saint Petersburg Philharmonia Prof. van Asperen will present a programme in which music by J. S. Bach will be delicately combined with the pieces by great French composers, who delighted the great cantor from Leipzig.

Further information about the *Open academies of baroque music* can be found at the web site of the organizer, NPO Agency of cultural initiatives PRATTICA TERZA: [www.pratticaterza.ru](http://www.pratticaterza.ru)