

## HONORARY MEMBER ELKE VÖLKER

We are very pleased to announce Elke Völker's acceptance of our invitation to Honorary Membership of the Archive. Already a Member, Elke has earned much critical acclaim for her brilliant performances of Karg-Elert's organ music, which have been described as possessing 'burning, highly virtuosic energy' (Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival). Archive members will, of course, be aware of her four CD volumes comprising ground-breaking recordings of all the major Karg-Elert works on the AEOLUS label. Described as 'spellbinding', they have recently been added to by volumes 5 & 6: the *Chorale-Improvisations* opus 65 nos 1-44, reviewed in Archive Newsletters. A prizewinner in several international competitions, and a participant in prestigious international festivals, she has achieved an extensive concert and teaching career, having studied with leading organ teachers both in Germany and abroad. This September, Elke will proceed to a doctorate in musicology, having already received degrees in associated subjects from the University of Heidelberg. She is also giving the concluding recital in the Karg-Elert Gesellschaft's annual conference as part of the Mannheim Organ Festival on October 20. (see item in 'Future Performances')

We look forward to this very gifted musician's continuing support for the Archive, in her enhanced and well-merited status as Honorary Member.



*Honorary member Elke Völker, pictured here on August 18, 2008, during her USA tour.*