

Angela Firkins, born Tetzlaff, grew up in a musical family and therefore discovered her love for music at a very early age.

She studied with professors J.-C. Gérard (Hamburg), W. Bennett (Freiburg) and P. Meisen (Munich).

After having won several first prizes at the “Jugend musiziert” competition, she received an award at the „Deutscher Musikwettbewerb“ in 1985 and the first prize at the “Wettbewerb der deutschen Hochschulen” (Competition of German Academies) in 1986. Angela Firkins has been a member of the Albert Schweitzer Quintet since its inception in 1978. In addition to many other awards, the quintet was a prize winner at the ARD-competition in 1985 and was awarded the annual prize at the German Record Critics in 1989 for their recording of Anton Reicha’s woodwind quintets.

Following her longstanding membership of the Federal Youth Orchestra, the Young German Philharmonic (Junge deutsche Philharmonie) and the European Community Youth Orchestra, she became solo flutist in the Symphoniker Hamburg from 1988 to 1993 and took over the same position at the Hanover Radio Philharmonic of the NDR.

She has been conducting a successful flute class as a professor at the Musikhochschule Lübeck (Conservatory Lübeck) since 1997. Furthermore she functions as a lecturer for chamber music and master classes and as juror at competitions. An international concert activity in several chamber music ensembles complements her commitment to the conservatory.