

Anu Tali

One of the most intriguing young conductors on the scene today Anu Tali belongs to a new generation of artists who are searching for fresh musical ideas in the classical music world. Born in Estonia she started her musical training as a pianist, graduated from the Tallinn Music High School in 1991 and continued her studies at the Estonian Music Academy as a conductor with Kuno Areng, Toomas Kapten and Roman Matsow. From 1998 to 2000 Anu Tali studied at the St.



Petersburg State Conservatory with Ilya Mussin and later with Leonid Kortchmar. Since 1995 she has regularly attended Jorma Panula's master classes at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki and Moscow.

Together with her twin sister Kadri, Anu Tali founded the Nordic Symphony Orchestra in 1997 in order to develop cultural contacts between Estonia and Finland and to unite musicians from around the world. Today the Nordic Symphony Orchestra has members from fifteen countries, bringing together musicians from the world's leading orchestras.

Anu Tali appears regularly with orchestras in Estonia and worldwide. Around Europe she has worked with orchestras such as the Deutsches Sinfonieorchester Berlin, NDR Sinfonieorchester Hamburg, Orchestre National de Lyon, Munich Chamber Orchestra and Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen. Away from Europe she has visited the Japan and Tokyo Philharmonics, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. In 2006 she made her debuts at the Salzburg Festival in a concert with the Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra, and at Savonlinna Opera Festival, to which she returned for a production of *Carmen* in summer 2007.

Highlights of Anu Tali's 2007/08 season include a tour with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and pianist H  l  ne Grimaud; her debut with the Symphony Orchestra of the Bavarian Radio at the 2007 ARD International Music Competition; a production of *Anna Bolena* at Mannheim State Theatre; her debut with Frankfurt Radio and visits to Bilkent and Berne Symphony Orchestras, to mention just a few. In autumn 2007 she will take her Nordic Symphony Orchestra on its first European tour to Berlin and Munich.

Anu Tali and the Nordic Symphony Orchestra made their debut recording in 2002 with *Swan Flight* (Finlandia/Warner Classics). The recording earned Anu Tali the 2003 Echo Classics 'Young Artist of the Year' Award. Later followed the recording *Action Passion Illusion* for Warner Classics featuring works by Rachmaninov, Sibelius and Erkki-Sven T  ur's *Action, Passion, Illusion** and *Zeitraum* [*world premiere recording].

In 2003 Anu Tali received the Cultural Award of Estonia 2003 and the 'Presidential Award of Estonia' in 2004 for her work introducing Estonian music to the world. More recently Anu Tali was named 'Musician of the Year 2006' by the Estonian Broadcasting Company. ARTE has produced a documentary entitled *Maestra Baltica* which airs in September 2007.

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