

## Neeme Järvi



The head of a musical dynasty, Maestro Neeme Järvi is one of today's most respected conductors. He conducts many of the world's most prominent orchestras and works alongside soloists of the highest calibre. A prolific recording artist, he has amassed a discography of over 440 recordings.

Recent and future seasons include engagements with the Berliner Philharmoniker, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Orchestra de Paris, Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, and the major orchestras of Scandinavia. In the US he is regularly invited to conduct the Chicago and Detroit Symphony Orchestras, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington. In earlier seasons his operatic engagements have included the Metropolitan Opera, the Opéra de Paris (Bastille), San Francisco Opera and the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires. Soloist collaborations include Janine Jansen, Hélène Grimaud, Evgeny Kissin, Lang Lang, Truls Mørk and Radu Lupu.

In addition to the orchestras above, 2009/10 sees him open the Bergen Filharmoniske Orkester's season and return to the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the Göteborgs Symfoniker and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. He also makes two journeys to China; first, for a tour with the Residentie Orkest, and then later in the season to conduct the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra and the China Philharmonic Orchestra.

Over his long and highly successful career he has held positions with orchestras across the world. He is currently Chief Conductor of the Residentie Orkest (The Hague, Netherlands) and Conductor Laureate and Artistic Advisor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. He also holds the titles of Music Director Emeritus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Principal Conductor Emeritus of the National Orchestra of Sweden – Göteborgs Symfoniker, First Principal Guest Conductor of the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra and Conductor Laureate of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. From the 2010/11 season he will become Principal Conductor of the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra.

Highlights of an impressive discography include critically acclaimed complete symphony cycles of Prokofiev, Sibelius, Nielsen and Brahms. Neeme Järvi has also championed less widely known composers such as Wilhelm Stenhammar, Hugo Alfvén and Niels Gade; and composers from his native Estonia including Rudolf Tobias, Eduard Tubin and Arvo Pärt. He has recorded with Chandos, Deutsche Grammophon, BIS and EMI to name a few. His recent Chandos disc, Wagner: The Ring - An Orchestral Adventure (arranged by Henk de Vlieger), received rave reviews; Edward Greenfield described it as "an excellent disc" in *Gramophone Magazine*.

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Many international accolades and awards have been bestowed upon Neeme Järvi. In Estonia these include an honorary doctorate from the Music Academy of Estonia in Tallinn, and the Order of the National Coat of Arms from the President of the Republic of Estonia, Mr. Lennart Meri. The mayor of Tallinn presented Maestro Järvi with the city's first-ever ceremonial sash and coat of arms insignia, and he has been named one of the 'Estonians of the Century'. Neeme Järvi holds an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Detroit's Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, as well as honorary doctorates from the University of Aberdeen and the Royal Swedish Academy of Music. He has also received the Commander of the North Star Order from King Karl Gustav XVI of Sweden.

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