

# Hamburg Symphony Orchestra

The Hamburg Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1957. The first principal conductor of the Orchestra was Robert Heger. His successors included Imre Kertesz, Carlos Kalmar and Miguel Gómez-Martinez. At the beginning of the 2004/2005 season Andrey Boreyko became the orchestra's new principal conductor. Closely observed both at home and abroad, his appointment by the orchestra has succeeded in creating a unique and exciting artistic cooperation.

The Hamburg Symphony Orchestra has the privilege of being the only orchestra with its residence in the Hamburg Music Hall. The orchestra has worked with conductors such as Charles Mackerras, Christian Thielemann, Peter Ruzicka, Horst Stein, Ralf Weikert and Sebastian Weigle. Some of the world's finest soloists, such as Christian Tetzlaff, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Frank Peter Zimmermann, Edita Gruberova, Plácido Domingo and Grace Bumbry, have made guest appearances with the orchestra over the last years. ‘

The Hamburg Symphony regularly plays some twenty operas and ballets each season at the Hamburg State Opera House. The Orchestra has gained a sound international reputation on numerous tours to countries including Great Britain, Italy, France, Spain, Scandinavia, Poland and Turkey.

Recordings with the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra have appeared on Dabringhaus und Grimm, edel classics and Deutsche Grammophon (Deutscher Schallplattenpreis ECHO Klassik).

Additionally the orchestra offers for many years now a very successful subscription series of children's concerts. The legendary annual open-air concerts held in the central courtyard of Hamburg's town hall are always sold out.

The Hamburg Symphony Orchestra is a highly recognized and greatly respected component of Europe's cultural life.

