

Alan Gilbert

With the start of the 2019/2020 season, Alan Gilbert will take up his new position as Principal Conductor of the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra. The American enjoys an outstanding reputation in the international music world as a passionate interpreter of a broad repertoire ranging from the baroque period to contemporary music and as an artist with a tremendous awareness of social responsibility. He has long been associated with the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra as he was the ensemble's Principal Guest Conductor from 2004 to 2015.

2017 saw the end of Gilbert's eight-year tenure as Music Director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, where the native New Yorker succeeded in reestablishing the orchestra's reputation, underlining its leading role in the cultural landscape of the United States. Gilbert is also Honorary Conductor of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra, which he headed for eight years; principal guest conductor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra; and founder of "Musicians for Unity", an organization which, with the support and leadership of the United Nations brings together musicians from all over the world to promote peace, development and human rights.

As an internationally sought-after guest conductor, Gilbert regularly returns to orchestras like the Berlin Philharmonic, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Boston Symphony and the Philadelphia and Cleveland Orchestras, the Staatskapelle Dresden, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra as well as the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France.

He has led opera productions at La Scala, the Metropolitan Opera of New York, Los Angeles Opera, Royal Opera of Stockholm, at the Zurich Opera House and at the Santa Fe Opera, where he was its first Music Director in 2003.

The trained violinist also maintains a close artistic partnership with such performers as Frank Peter Zimmermann, Lisa Batiashvili, Leonidas Kavakos, Yo-Yo Ma, Emanuel Ax and Renée Fleming and with composers such as John Adams, Magnus Lindberg and Esa-Pekka Salonen. His discography includes the CD boxset "The Nielsen Project" and a Grammy-award winning DVD with John Adams' "Doctor Atomic" live from the Met. Beyond his numerous awards and prestigious prizes, he was also Director of Conducting and Orchestral Studies at Juilliard in New York.

In addition to his numerous concerts with the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra, Alan Gilbert will again be conducting the Cleveland Orchestra, the Staatskapelle Dresden, the Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony, the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic and the London Symphony Orchestra during the 2019/20 season.

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