

Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich

Consisting of just over 100 musicians from 20 nations, the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich plays 50 different programmes at more than 100 concerts every season. In the last two decades, the ensemble has performed in more than 70 cities in 14 countries. Distinguished soloists such as Joshua Bell, Rudolf Buchbinder, Alfred Brendel, Nelson Freire, Julia Fischer, Hélène Grimaud, Yuja Wang, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Yo-Yo Ma, Lisa Batiashvili, Maria João Pires and Sabine Meyer have accompanied the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich on its tours. The 2018/19 season will take the Orchestra on a tour of the musical centres of Asia with its designated Chief Conductor and Music Director Paavo Järvi. Various guest performances are also planned, and the concert series featuring the Orchestra's distinguished principal players as soloists will continue.

More than 40 CD recordings document the Orchestra's rise to prominence. Recordings of the complete Beethoven, Mahler, Brahms and Schubert symphonies, as well as the Ravel box set, have attracted great interest. Moreover, a CD box set featuring recordings with all the Orchestra's Chief Conductors and important guest conductors between 1942 and 2016 was published in 2018 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Tonhalle Society Zurich. The Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich's concerts are broadcast and streamed regularly on SRF (Swiss Radio and Television), Radio Swiss Classic, Mezzo TV, and medici.tv.

Young ears are treated to family concerts, and children can discover the world of chamber music as "musical detectives." Schoolchildren of various ages take part in workshops with members of the Orchestra or organise concerts themselves from start to finish as part of the "Schoolchildren Manager" project. tonhalleLATE offers young adults unique events that combine classical concerts with parties featuring electronic music. *TOZukunft* is a community platform for young people aged between 18 and 30. From the 2018/19 season, the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich will welcome Iñigo Giner Miranda for a three-year tenure as Fellow of the #beethoven programme, which will seek to reinvigorate the world of classical music.

In recent years, the Orchestra has developed close relationships with guest conductors Herbert Blomstedt, Christoph von Dohnányi, Charles Dutoit and Bernard Haitink. Ton Koopman, Jan Willem de Vriend and Giovanni Antonini, prominent representatives of historical performance practice, also regularly conduct the Orchestra. Over almost 20 years until the end of the 2013/14 season, David Zinman exerted a decisive influence on the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich as Chief Conductor, and is now the ensemble's Conductor Laureate. His successor Lionel Bringuier completed his four-year term as Chief Conductor and Musical Director at the end of the 2017/18 season. As of the 2018/19 season, the Estonian conductor Paavo Järvi will assume the role of Chief Conductor and Music Director of the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich. As of the beginning of the 2017/18 season, the Orchestra can now be heard at the Tonhalle Maag, its interim venue in Zurich-West.

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Awards

1999 "German Record Critics' Prize" for the recording of the complete Beethoven symphonies
 2007 "Midem Classical Award" for Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Christian Tetzlaff
 2009 "Prix Choc" awarded by "Le Monde de la musique" for the recording of Mahler's Sixth Symphony
 2011 "Echo Klassik" for Mahler's Eighth Symphony, "Symphonic Recording of the Year, 19th century"
 2014 "Record Academy Award" in the "the best sound quality recording" category for the recording of Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde"
 2015 "Echo Klassik" for David Zinman in the "Conductor of the Year" category for the recording of Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde"

2017/18 season