



ANDRIS POGA

Andris Poga graduated in conducting from the Jazeps Vitols Latvian Academy of Music. He also studied philosophy at the University of Latvia and from 2004 to 2005 was taught conducting by Uros Lajovic at the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts. While still a student, he took part in the master classes of conductors including Mariss Jansons, Seiji Ozawa and Leif Segerstam.

Since 2007, when he received the Latvia Great Music Award, Andris Poga maintains close relationships with the orchestras of his country : Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, Latvian National Opera and Riga Professional Symphonic Band which appointed him music director and chief conductor from 2007 to 2010.

In May 2010, he is also awarded with the First Prize of the Evgeny Svetlanov International Conducting Competition in Montpellier. After this success, Andris Poga is nominated in 2011 assistant conductor of Paavo Järvi at the Orchestre de Paris for three years and, in 2012, assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO concert series and the prestigious Tanglewood Festival).

After the first successful collaborations, Andris Poga conducted many prestigious orchestras such as Boston Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, NHK Symphony Orchestra, New Japan Philharmonic, Israel Symphony Orchestra, Moscow City Symphony - Russian Philharmonic...

Among his upcoming projects, we note : Gewandhaus Leipzig, Munich Philharmonic, Orchestre Philharmonique de St Petersburg, New Japan Philharmonic Orchestra (Suntory Hall), Orchestre National de France (Auditorium de Radio France), Orchestre National de Lyon, Orchestre

Philharmonique de Monte Carlo, Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, China Philharmonic Orchestra, Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre Symphonique du Québec, Svetlanov Symphony Orchestra of Russia.

In September and December 2013, Andris Poga replaced at the last minute Maestro George Prêtre and Mikko Franck at Salle Pleyel with Orchestre de Paris in works of Poulenc, Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony and Shostakovich 7th Symphony. Success was tremendous. In October 2014, he replaced Lorin Maazel and Valery Gergiev in a triumphal Asian tour dedicated to Strauss.

Since the 1st November 2013, Andris Poga is the Music director of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra. In May 2015, a standing ovation rewarded their first concert at Paris Théâtre des Champs Elysées in Verdi's Requiem.