

BIOGRAPHY THEO WOLTERS – CONDUCTOR

Theo Wolters was born in 1955 as the youngest child to a very large musical family. At a young age he started playing the trumpet with the local windband, of which his father was the conductor. He subsequently studied the trumpet at the Maastricht Conservatorium and graduated with a distinction.

During his studies he was first trumpet at the Overijssel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Essener Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany between 1975 and 1979. Since 1979 he worked for the Amsterdam Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra until 2008. At the same time as pursuing his orchestra career he took conducting lessons from Pieter Stalmeier and Roberto Benzi.

Since 1998 he regularly works as guest conductor for the State Philharmonic Orchestra Košice in Slovakia, the Tblisi Symphony Orchestra, the “George Enescu” Bukarest Philharmonic Orchestra, the National Radio Orchestra of Romania, the Bucheon Philharmonic Orchestra Seoul, the Korean Symphony Orchestra, the Wonju Philharmonic Orchestra, the Neue Philharmonie Westfalen, the Nürnberger Symfoniker, the Limburg Symphony Orchestra, the Netherlands Promenade Orchestra, the Residentie Orchestra (The Hague Philharmonic), the Concertgebouw Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra.

Furthermore he regularly conducts distinguished brass ensembles, such as the Brass of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra during performances in Italy and Austria.

Many of his concerts have been broadcasted live on radio and television, in particular in Romania and South Korea.

From 2004 until 2012 he was Assistant Conductor to Mariss Jansons with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam, which gave him a unique chance to refine his conducting at the highest level. In June 2008 he was given the opportunity to replace Mariss Jansons during two concerts at the Concertgebouw Orchestra. On these occasions he conducted the Messiaens’ Turangalila Symphony, which was received extremely well by press and audience.

From September 2010 Theo Wolters was appointed Chief Conductor of the State Philharmonic Orchestra Sibiu in Romania and he is currently Guest Conductor for the State Philharmonic Orchestra Cluj in Romania.

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