



## RISTO JOOST

The young Estonian conductor Risto Joost excels by his specialized versatility and has gained widespread recognition for his work both in the opera pit and on concert stage. The trained singer and Conductor in Residence of the Estonian National Opera has already held major artistic positions, such as Chief Conductor of the Tallinn Chamber Orchestra and Artistic Director of the MDR Leipzig Radio Choir from 2015 to 2019.

He succeeded at important competitions and conducted some of the world's most distinguished orchestras. Risto Joost is in demand as a guest conductor with orchestras such as Helsinki Philharmonic, Mariinsky Orchestra, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, SWR Symphony Stuttgart, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Netherlands Philharmonic, Bergen Philharmonic, Norwegian Opera Orchestra, Tampere Philharmonic, Strasbourg Philharmonic, Noord Nederlands Orkest, Prague Radio Symphony, Janacek Philharmonic, Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra dell Teatro La Fenice, Tapiola Sinfonietta, Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra, Heilbronn Chamber Orchestra, Latvian National Symphony, Estonian National Symphony, Latvian National Symphony, among others.

In addition he collaborated with the RIAS Kammerchor, SWR Vokalensemble, Ars Nova Copenhagen, Swedish Radio Choir, Rundfunkchor Berlin, Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir among others. At the Estonian National Opera Risto Joost has led more than 20 premieres. His repertoire ranges from Baroque to the most challenging works of contemporary composers. At the Birgitta Festival Tallinn he led *La Bohème* in 2018. Upcoming highlights are his debuts with Copenhagen Philharmonic, NDR Radiophilharmonie Hannover, South Netherlands Philharmonic, Trondheim Symphony, Brno Philharmonic, and return visits with Helsinki

Philharmonic, Bergen Philharmonic, Norwegian Opera Orchestra, Noord Nederlands Orkest, WKO Heilbronn, various projects with Janacek Philharmonic among others. With the MDR Leipzig Radio Symphony and Choir Risto Joost directs several programmes with works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Tõnu Korvits and others. His discography includes Tõnu Korvits' Moorland Elegies (Ondine Records) and works by Haydn with the Tallinn Chamber Orchestra, Peeter Vähi with the Latvian National Symphony, Arvo Pärt with the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Choir, various recordings of Estonian music with the Estonian National Symphony and Tallinn Chamber Orchestra.

For his artistic activities in Estonia and abroad, Risto Joost received the music award of the Cultural Foundation in Estonia in 2016 and was awarded the Young Cultural Figure Award of the Estonian Republic in 2011. He was Prizewinner of the Malko Conducting Competition 2015 and Jorma Panula Conducting Competition 2012. Risto Joost has studied at the Estonian Academy of Music and received further training at the University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. In 2008, Risto Joost graduated from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm with a Masters Degree, majoring in orchestral conducting with Jorma Panula. He founded the chamber choir Voces Musicales in Estonia in 1999 and has been Artistic Director of the Birgitta Festival Tallinn.

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