

Chief Conductor Pietari Inkinen

Since 2017, the Chief Conductor of the German Radio Philharmonic Orchestra (DRP) has been Finnish conductor Pietari Inkinen.

During concerts in the SR and SWR broadcasting region as well as during tours and guest performances, the chief conductor places particular emphasis on the symphonic creations of Antonín Dvořák and Sergei Prokofiev as well as being a dedicated supporter of rare pieces by Jean Sibelius. He is currently completing the DRP's complete recordings of the symphonies of Antonín Dvořák and continuing with recording the symphonies of Sergei Prokofiev. Both series are to be published with SWRmusic/Naxos.

The music of Richard Wagner has played a central role in Pietari Inkinen's work for many years which is why he was invited to musically direct the 2023 production of the *Ring des Nibelungen* at the Bayreuth Festival. In the summer of 2021, he conducted for three performances *Die Walküre* on the 'Grüner Hügel'. Prior to this, he very successfully conducted the tetralogy at the Opera Australia in Melbourne, for which he was awarded the Helpmann Award in 2014 and the Green Room Award for being the best opera conductor in 2016. At the Teatro Massimo in Palermo, he conducted Wagner's *Rheingold* and *Walküre*. With the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, he published arias and orchestral pieces by Richard Wagner with the tenor Simon O'Neill (EMI), and with the German Radio Philharmonic Orchestra and soloists Lise Lindstrom and Stefan Vinke, he produced extracts from Wagner's *Siegfried* for the label SWRmusic/Naxos.

Pietari Inkinen is also Chief Conductor of the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra in Tokyo and Musical Director of the KBS Symphony Orchestra in Seoul. Highlights of his international career as a conductor include concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Gürzenich Orchestra, the NDR

Elbphilharmonie Orchestra, the Southwest German Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Budapest Festival Orchestra. He has stood on the podium with numerous other renowned orchestras including the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, Staatskapelle Berlin, Orchestra of Santa Cecilia, Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra.

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