

A conductor of exceptional intelligence and musicality, **CHRISTOPH KÖNIG** is Principal Conductor of the Orquesta Nacional do Porto and Principal Guest Conductor and Music Director of the Solistes Européens. His conducting is marked by an energetic and serious approach to musical collaboration and a commitment to thoughtful and stimulating programming, including contemporary works.

König's U.S. debut in 2010 with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra resulted in engagements with the Colorado, Houston, Indianapolis, Phoenix, Toronto and Vancouver Symphonies. He has appeared with the Barcelona and New Zealand Symphonies; BBC and Netherlands Philharmonics; Mozarteum and Norwegian Radio Orchestras; BBC National Orchestra of Wales; Orquesta y Coro de la Comunidad de Madrid and Tonkünstler Orchester, as well as the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra, London Mozart Players and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

He has led the Zürich Opera in productions of *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, *The Magic Flute* and *The Turk in Italy*. Other opera performances include a production of *The Abduction from the Seraglio* at the Teatro Real in Madrid, *Don Giovanni* at the Staatsoper in Stuttgart and *The Magic Flute* and *Rigoletto* at the Deutsche Oper Berlin.

König was Principal Conductor of the Malmö Symphony Orchestra from 2003 until 2006, as well as Principal Guest Conductor of the Orquesta Filarmonica de Gran Canaria.

König has recorded with the Orquesta Sinfónica do Porto for Ao Vivo. For Hyperion, König conducted a highly acclaimed CD of music by Henryk Melcer, with pianist Jonathan Plowright and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. His recording of Brahms' First Piano Concerto with the same orchestra was featured on the front cover of *BBC Music Magazine* in September 2009.

König was born in Dresden, where he sang as a boy soprano in the famous Dresdner Kreuzchor; he later studied conducting, piano and voice, at the Hochschule für Musik. He began his professional career as Erster Kapellmeister in Wuppertal/Gelsenkirchen.