

The head of a musical dynasty, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Conductor Laureate **NEEME JÄRVI** is one of today's most respected maestros. He conducts many of the world's most prominent orchestras and works alongside soloists of the highest calibre. A prolific recording artist, he has amassed a discography of more than 450 recordings.

Over his long and highly successful career, he has held positions with orchestras across the world and is currently Artistic Director of the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra. He became Artistic Director of the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in January and will become the orchestra's Music Director in September 2012. Until last season, he was Chief Conductor of the Residentie Orkest. He is Music Director Emeritus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Principal Conductor Emeritus of the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra and Conductor Laureate of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Recent and future seasons include engagements with the Berliner Philharmoniker, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, Gewandhausorchester Leipzig and Wiener Symphoniker, as well as Los Angeles Philharmonic and Washington's National Symphony Orchestra, among others. He continues his regular relationships with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra (for the start of a Tchaikovsky ballet cycle project) and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (for continued recording and concert projects). He looks forward to the beginning of a stronger relationship with the Radio-Sinfonieorchester Stuttgart, and a return to the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra for a project culminating in a concert to celebrate his 75th birthday. He appears with the Orquesta Nacional de Espana, London Philharmonic and BBC Symphony.

Highlights of an impressive discography include critically acclaimed complete symphony cycles of Prokofiev, Sibelius, Nielsen and Brahms. Järvi has championed lesser-known composers such as Wilhelm Stenhammar and Hugo Alfvén, as well as Estonian composers including Rudolf Tobias and Arvo Pärt. He has recorded with Chandos, Deutsche Grammophon, BIS and EMI, among others.

Recent recordings include Mahler's Symphony No. 7 with the Residentie Orkest (which was awarded International Record Prize "Toblacher Komponierhäuschen") and a series of Johan Halvorsen's orchestral works with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra.

Järvi has been honored with many international awards and accolades. In Estonia, these include an honorary doctorate from the Music Academy of Estonia in Tallinn and the Order of the National Coat of Arms from the President of the Republic of Estonia. The Mayor of Tallinn presented Järvi with the city's first-ever ceremonial sash and coat-of-arms insignia, and he has been named one of the "Estonians of the Century." Järvi holds honorary doctorates of Humane Letters from Detroit's Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, as well as honorary doctorates from the University of Aberdeen and the Royal Swedish Academy of Music. He received the Commander of the North Star Order from King Karl Gustav XVI of Sweden.