

YUTAKA SADO TONKÜNSTLER-ORCHESTER GUSTAV MAHLER 7. SYMPHONIE

A DREAMWORLD BETWEEN COMPULSION AND IDYLL

«Here roars nature», **Gustav Mahler** is supposed to have said of the distinctive tenor horn solo at the start of his **Seventh Symphony**. This monumental work summarises the composer's previously developed symphonic cosmos in grand style: with sounds of twilight and the gloaming. And that's not just because movements two and four bear the title «Nachtmusik» (night music) – even the first movement creates a dreamworld between compulsion and idyll. In the scherzo, ghostly shadows dance a sometimes grotesquely tattered waltz. But the finale celebrates the bright day in the form of a barnstorming country fair: this calls for the masterful touch of **Music Director Yutaka Sado!** Under his baton the **Tonkünstler Orchestra** performed this concert-filling piece in February 2023 in the **Wiener Musikverein**. As a Viennese orchestra with a musical tradition dating back over a century, the Tonkünstler Orchestra, like Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, plays Viennese instruments. Gustav Mahler too led a life closely associated with Vienna. He conducted the premiere of his Seventh Symphony on 19 September 1908 – though not in Vienna but in Prague.

TRACK LISTING GUSTAV MAHLER (1860–1911)

Symphony No. 7

CD 1

- 1 Slow – Allegro risoluto, ma non troppo 21'57
- 2 Night Music. Allegro moderato 16'29
- 3 Scherzo. Shadowy 11'02

CD 2

- 4 Night Music. Andante amoroso 14'02
- 5 Rondo-Finale. Allegro ordinario 18'13

Total Length 81'49

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MARCH 1, 2024

- The **Tonkünstler Orchestra**, with its residencies in the **Musikverein Wien**, the **Festspielhaus St. Pölten** and in **Grafenegg**, is one of **Austria's** largest and most important musical ambassadors.
- In October 1907, the «Wiener Tonkünstler-Orchester» gave its first concert in the **Wiener Musikverein**. This world-famous concert hall has now hosted the **Tonkünstler** for almost 75 years as they create their Sunday afternoon concerts, the orchestra's longest-standing and best-loved concert series.
- The Tonkünstler are the orchestra in residence of the **Grafenegg Festival**, one of Europe's leading open-air festivals and host to the world's best orchestras.
- **Yutaka Sado** has been **Music Director** of the Tonkünstler Orchestra since 2015. He is one of the most important Japanese conductors of our time. From 1988 to 1990 he was **Leonard Bernstein's** assistant in Vienna.
- **Concert tours** in recent years have taken the Tonkünstler Orchestra to Germany, the Czech Republic, South Korea and Taiwan, the Baltic states and, repeatedly, to Japan and Britain.

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CONDUCTOR: Yutaka Sado

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