



Württembergisches Kammerorchester Heilbronn

Ruben Gazarian - Conductor

With the beginning of the season 2002/2003 Ruben Gazarian became the principal conductor of the "Württemberg Chamber Orchestra Heilbronn". He succeeded to expand the standard repertoire in a remarkable way by enlargening to symphonic scale and choosing compositions of Romantic and Modern Era as well as avant-garde compositions.

At the age of four Gazarian received his first violin lesson from his father. Subsequently, he was educated at the "P.I. Tchaikovsky Special Music School" and later at the "Yerevan State Conservatory" by the first violinist of the famous Borodin Quartet. His active concert career started in 1983. During his studies he was contracted as a soloist by the National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia. At the same time he was violinist of the National Armenian Piano Trio.

In 1992 Ruben Gazarian went to Leipzig for post degree studies at the "Leipzig Music Academy Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy". In the winter of 1995, Gazarian completed his education as a violinist by passing the concert exam. In the same year he began his conductor's education at the Leipzig Music Academy which he completed with the highest possible grade in a public final concert in May 1998. From 1993 until 1998 Ruben Gazarian was First Concertmaster of the "West Saxon Symphony Orchestra" and from January 1999 until August 2002 he was principal conductor of this orchestra. In this position he was the youngest conductor of Germany at the time.

In September 2002 Ruben Gazarian became laureate of the 1st International Conducting Competition "Sir Georg Solti" in Frankfurt Main. In the same month he became the new principal conductor and artistic director of the "Württemberg Chamber Orchestra Heilbronn". He has been appointed to this position on the basis of unanimous recommendations by the orchestra and the appointment board.

Ruben Gazarian was guest conductor of the the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra, WDR (West German Broadcast) Symphony Orchestra Cologne, the Radio Symphony Orchestra Frankfurt (Main), the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra, the Frankfurter Museumsorchester, the Orchestre national de Lyon, the Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra, the Stuttgart Philharmonic Orchestra, the Zurich Chamber Orchestra, and others. He has made numerous concert broadcasts by the Hessen Radio (HR), the Southwest German Radio (SWR), the West German Radio (WDR), Deutschlandradio, the Middle German Radio (MDR) and Radio Svizzera Italiana.

Ruben Gazarian works successfully with such famous soloists including Gautier and Renaud Capuçon, Julia Fischer, Hilary Hahn, Katia & Marielle Labèque, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Sabine Meyer, Viktoria Mullova, Sergei Nakariakov, Gerhard Oppitz, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Frank Peter Zimmermann, Beaux Arts Trio and many others.

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