

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **YANNICK NÉZET-SÉGUIN**

Internationally acclaimed conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin has been Music Director of the Metropolitan Opera in New York since 2018, Music Director of the Philadelphia Orchestra since 2012, and for 25 years Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Orchestre Métropolitain of Montréal. From 2008 to 2018, he was Principal Conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, where he was appointed Conductor Laureate. He is also an honorary member of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin is committed to expanding the classical symphonic and operatic repertoire, including rarely performed works by composers such as Florence Price, Clara Schumann, William Dawson and William Grant Still. He is equally dedicated to contemporary composers. Through his conducting academies at Domaine Forget and Montréal, he also provides a platform for the next generation of conductors, whose graduates now work in major orchestras around the world.

As a guest conductor, Yannick Nézet-Séguin also works with many leading European orchestras, including the Vienna Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic and the London Symphony Orchestra. He has conducted concerts at the Salzburg Festival and at many European festivals, including Edinburgh, Lucerne and the BBC Proms in London. In the summer, he conducted in North America at the Mostly Mozart Festival in New York, in Lanaudière, Vail and Saratoga, among other venues. As an acclaimed opera conductor, he has appeared at the Vienna State Opera, La Scala, the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, the Dutch Opera and the Salzburg Festival.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin made his debut with the Vienna Philharmonic in 2010 at the Mozart Week in Salzburg. Since that time, he has regularly conducted the orchestra in Vienna and Salzburg, and on tour. One special highlight was the Summer Night Concert 2023 under his baton. On 1 January 2026, he will conduct the Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Concert for the first time.

Born in Montréal, Yannick Nézet-Séguin studied piano, conducting and composition at the Conservatoire de Montréal. He has received numerous honors, including four GRAMMY Awards. He was named Musical America's 2016 Artist of the Year and has been awarded the Order of Canada and the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. With his artistic work and his commitment to the highest musical quality, Yannick Nézet-Séguin inspires audiences and musicians around the world.