Arvo Volmer

Conductor

Biography

Music Director and Chief Conductor: Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

„Bringing together all ... diverse elements, each with their own special needs, was dedicated Mahler disciple, very artistic director and conductor Volmer. Always expressive, never a gesture wasted, conveying encouragement as well as approval to his hard-working soloists, he was modest in the many curtain calls, urging that the credit go to everyone but himself. But finally the glory was his."
Elizabeth Silsbury, The Advertiser, March 16th, 2010

Since 2004 the Estonian conductor Arvo Volmer has been Music Director and Chief Conductor of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in Australia. He started his career in 1985 with the Estonian National Opera and was appointed Artistic Director of the Opera House from 2004-05.

In addition to his permanent positions, Arvo Volmer is one of the most in-demand guest conductors on the international stage. He is a regular guest with the BBC Philharmonic, Bolshoi Theatre, and major orchestras in Australia, Scandinavia, Holland and Germany.

In 2010 Volmer makes his debut with Opera Australia in Sydney.

He has recorded extensively for Alba Records, ABC Classics, the recordings including complete symphonies by Jean Sibelius, Eduard Tubin and complete orchestra music of Leevi Madetoja.

„Out front, Arvo Volmer was arguably the most impassioned, most tightly controlled. Every move, every gesture was designed to ensure the ultimate dramatic effect of each note, each syllable."
The Advertiser. June 1st, 2009
Verdi Requiem

„Volmer and the ASO delivered an intensely colourful, vital performance."
The Australian September 14th, 2009
Shostakovich Symphony No. 9