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Swedish conductor Stefan Solyom (30) is the new General Music Director and Principal Conductor of the German National Theatre and the Staatskapelle Weimar.

In a press conference on Wednesday 26th August 2009 he signed his contract in the presence of the Thuringian Minister of Education and the Arts Bernward Müller, Mayor of Weimar Stefan Wolf, Director General Stephan Maerki as well as the Managing Director Thomas Schmidt. He succeeds Carl St. Clair, who was appointed General Music Director of the Komische Oper at the beginning of the last season.

Stefan Solyom's contract commences on 1st September 2009 with a term of five years. Within the current season he discharges all duties of his leading position although conducts only a small number of concerts and opera performances due to of existing commitments. From 2010/11 on he will conduct the Staatskapelle Weimar in five symphony as well as other special concerts and in addition to this rehearse and conduct two new opera productions at the German National Theatre each season.

In March 2009 he already appeared as Guest Conductor of the Staatskapelle Weimar in the 6th Symphony Concert of the past season. His debut with the orchestra in his new position will be the 3rd Symphony Concert on 18th and 19th October 2009 in Weimar.

The German National Theatre and the Staatskapelle Weimar are proud to have won Stefan Solyom for this important position and are looking forward to the following seasons.