



'Central to the performances was the driving delivery of the orchestra's principal guest conductor, Olari Elts. Sharply-focused energy and authoritative control are the hallmarks of his style, which translated into performances that captured the clarity of Schubert's orchestral writing, and more importantly, steered clear of over-indulgence.'

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OLARI ELTS

Conductor

Summary

- With an astute mind and fierce intellect, this 36-year old Estonian cares deeply about the music and programming
- His confident yet self-effacing manner makes him an assured leader on the podium
- Olari Elts won the 2nd International Sibelius Conducting Competition in 2000; having previously trained as a choral conductor, he was a complete outsider who had only conducted three-four symphonic concerts prior to the competition

Positions

- 2007- present: Principal Guest Conductor, Scottish Chamber Orchestra
- 2007-present: Principal Guest Conductor, Estonian National SO
- 2006 – present: Artistic Advisor, Orchestre de Bretagne
- 1993 – present: Founder and Music Director of contemporary music ensemble NYYD
- 2001 – 2006: Principal Conductor, Latvian National Symphony Orchestra

- Orchestras: Yomiuri Symphony, City of Birmingham Symphony, Finnish Radio, Toulouse Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Lucerne Symphony, Ensemble Modern, Helsinki Philharmonic, Munich Chamber, Melbourne Symphony, Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, Tapiola Sinfonietta, Scottish Chamber; Estonian National Symphony

Opera and Opera in Concert

- Estonian National Opera: *Albert Herring, Il Trittico & Don Giovanni*; Estonian NSO: *Idomeneo, La Damnation de Faust*
- Marschner's *Der Vampyr* at Rennes Opera House and in Szeged, Hungary
- Orchestre de Bretagne: *Faust* at Rennes Opera House, Nantes and Angers; *La Damnation de Faust*

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