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### Summary

- Appointed Chief Conductor of WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln in 1997
- A man of vision and great motivation who is making a name by the fact that he understands and has something to say about core repertoire that many gloss over
- A wonderful example of a Musin pupil: he has a majestic, elegant and intense technique; you can feel the communication and energy transfer between players and conductor at every performance

### Background

- Born in St Petersburg, emigrated to the USA in 1975
- Music Director Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra (1980-85), Buffalo Philharmonic (1985-89) and Orchestre de Paris (1989-98), Principal Guest Conductor St Petersburg Philharmonic (1990-1994), Principal Guest Conductor Maggio Musicale Fiorentino (1993-2000), Chief Conductor Dresden Semperoper (1998-2002)

### Orchestras

Vienna Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Munich Philharmonic, Orchestra Filarmonica della Scala, San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic

### Opera

- Maggio Musicale: including new productions *Jenufa*, *Fierrabras*, *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*, *Eugene Onegin*; Semper Oper Dresden: including new productions *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*, *Der Rosenkavalier*, *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*; Vienna Staatsoper: (new productions) *Tristan und Isolde*, *Elektra*, *Daphne*, *Lohengrin*; Metropolitan Opera: *Boris Godunov*, *Otello*; Royal Opera House Covent Garden: *Elektra*, *Boris Godunov*, *Pique Dame*, *Lohengrin*, *Don Carlo*; Chicago: *Tristan und Isolde*; La Scala: *Elektra*; Paris: *Eugene Onegin*, *Salome*, *Parsifal*, *Ballo in Maschera*, *Tristan und Isolde*

### Future Engagements

- Opera: Covent Garden: *Tannhäuser*, *La Bohème*, La Scala: *Die Frau Ohne Schatten* The Met: *Otello*, *Rigoletto*, Madrid *Elektra*
- Concert: Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony; Berlin Philharmonic, Orchestra Filarmonica della Scala, Munich Philharmonic, Concertgebouw Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, Mahler Chamber Orchestra

### Discography

- Prolific recording artist: see [www.semyonbychkov.com/discography.php](http://www.semyonbychkov.com/discography.php)
- Recent releases with WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln: Wagner *Lohengrin*, Shostakovich Symphonies No 10 and Glanert's *Theatrum bestiarum*, Rachmaninov *The Bells* Op.36 and Symphonic Dances Op.45 and on DVD with Rachmaninov Symphony No 2.

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