

Vita

Walter Hilgers



Walter Hilgers is the Honorary Artistic Director and Permanent Invited Conductor of the “Paul Constantinescu” Philharmonic Orchestra Ploiești and additional the Chief conductor of the Santa Fe Provincial Orchestra in Argentina. For many years he was the Principal Guest Conductor of the State Philharmonic Orchestra Banatul/Timisoara.

Guest conducting engagements have taken him to venues such as the Montevideo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Montevideo SODRE Orchestra, the Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra, the Buenos Aires Nacional Orchestra, the Bogotá Philharmonic Orchestra, the Romanian Radio National Orchestra, the Radio Chamber Orchestra Bucharest, the George Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra, the State Philharmonic Orchestra „Banatul“, Timișoara, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Cluj, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Iași, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Arad, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Sibiu, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Târgu Mureș, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Oradea, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Craiova, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Bacău, the Philharmonic Orchestra Ploiești, the Philharmonic Orchestra Pitești, the Philharmonic Orchestra Muntenia/Târgoviste, the State Philharmonic Orchestra Košice, the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra, the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra, the Brandenburg State Orchestra Frankfurt, the Leipzig Symphony Orchestra, the Munich Radio Orchestra and the Orchestra of the Nationaltheater Mannheim. In addition, he has conducted chamber concerts of the Bavarian State Orchestra Munich, the Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra, the German Radio Philharmonic Orchestra Saarbrücken Kaiserslautern, the Mecklenburg State Orchestra Schwerin, the international Orchestral Academy of the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the Philharmonic Orchestra Qatar, the Daejeon Philharmonic Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra of Valencia.

Conductor Walter Hilgers received his musical education in the subjects of tuba, contrabass and piano. Engagements as a tuba player with, amongst others, the Philharmonic State Orchestra and the NDR Symphony Orchestra in Hamburg as well as with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, soon followed. In addition, Walter Hilgers was also part of the Bayreuth Festival Orchestra for 12 years and was a founding member of the German Brass Ensemble, where he spent 25 years.

In the 30 years of his active orchestral career, this exceptional artist has played music under the baton of Herbert von Karajan, Lorin Maazel, Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Zubin Mehta, Andre Previn, Pierre Boulez, Georg Solti, James Levine, Seiji Ozawa, Riccardo Muti, Bernhard Haitink and Günter Wand.

Between 1989 and 1995 he worked as a professor at the College of Music and Performing Arts in Hamburg, after which he was appointed Professor of Wind Chamber Music at the Franz Liszt College of Music in Weimar. To this day additionally he teaches tuba at the University.