

# BERLINER SINFONIEORCHESTER

In 1990, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra was founded under the name »Kammerphilharmonie Berlin«, by some of the city's best musicians, as the first all-Berlin Chamber Orchestra. The orchestra quickly made a name for itself far beyond Berlin: concerts in the Berlin Philharmonie, the Musikhalle Hamburg, the Jahrhunderthalle in Frankfurt, Leipzig, Hannover, Düsseldorf and trips all over Europe consolidated its reputation as one of the leading chamber orchestras in Germany.

The Spanish newspaper »El Pais« celebrated the ensemble as »ambassadors of a new Berlin«. In 1991 the first CD was released, in 1992 the second CD with works by Mozart, Bottesini, Tschaikowski, Vivaldi and Richard Strauss; Productions and features were broadcast by Deutschlandfunk, DS Kultur, RIAS Berlin and the SFB; ARD and ZDF reported on activities of the Kammerphilharmonie.

When Wolfram Korr assumed the artistic direction of the ensemble in 1999, the idea arose to connect the first all-Berlin orchestra with the musical culture of Brandenburg. The resulting Kammerphilharmonie Berlin-Brandenburg continued the successful work of the Berliner Kammerphilharmonie and expanded the orchestra with leading musicians from Potsdam, Frankfurt/Oder and Cottbus. Also a growing number of appearances as »Berliner Sinfonieorchester« with up to 80 musicians are taking place, e.g., at the »Music Summer Liebenberg«, at the »Symphony of Stallions« in the North Rhine-Westphalian State Stud Warendorf or at »First Night – The Berlin New Year's Concert« at the Konzerthaus am Gendarmenmarkt.

»Masterful performance« is the critical judgement, which emphasizes the »perfectly coordinated sound« and the »obvious dedication and joy of the play« of the musicians, whether at previous performances and concerts in Berlin, or at the Brandenburg Summer Concerts, the Music-Summer Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and at the MDR Music Summer. »Supple and glittering sound«, the Tagesspiegel Berlin praises the »First Night Gala« at the Konzerthaus.

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