

# Göppingen Youth Symphony Orchestra



## The Orchestra

The Göppingen Youth Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1968. The orchestra offers the opportunity to rehearse and perform works of the symphonic repertoire for young musicians in an ambitious and demanding way. Approximately 100 young instrumentalists rehearse weekly and perform several public concerts each year. Especially talented young musicians may also be able to perform as a soloist with the orchestra. The Youth Symphony Orchestra is a part of the Göppingen School of Music in the state of Baden-Württemberg, Germany and a member of Jeunesses Musicales.

The Göppingen Youth Symphony Orchestra has been prize winner in numerous contests. Repeatedly the ensemble was rewarded with prizes and presented on radio and television. In 2015 the orchestra won the gold medal of the IV. New York International Music Festival at Carnegie Hall.

International relations, concert tours and exchange projects play an important role in the orchestral activities. The orchestra participated successfully in important European festivals. Concert tours led to the United States of America, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Norway, Latvia and Austria. The orchestra has given concerts at Carnegie Hall New York, Palau de la Música Barcelona, Theatre Clavé Tordera, City Hall of Budapest, Nidaros Dom Trondheim, Klosterneuburg Monastery, Palazzo Pitti Florence, Guild of Riga, Southwark Cathedral London and Golden Hall of the Musikverein Vienna.

Numerous awardees of the German contest "Jugend musiziert" have been playing in the Göppingen Youth Symphony Orchestra. Today many former members work as music educationalists or even succeeded in becoming a member of professional orchestras such as the Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, the Semper Oper Dresden, the Staatsorchester Stuttgart, the Gürzenich-Orchester Köln and the Stuttgarter Philharmoniker.

## The Conductor



Martin Gunkel - Music Director

Since 1989 the conductor of the Göppingen Youth Symphony Orchestra has been MD Martin Gunkel. Born in Bochum, Germany. He studied at the universities for music at Düsseldorf and at Detmold where he majored in the subject violin. In addition he studied conducting and musical education science. Since 1991 he is the director of the Göppingen School of Music.

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