

Eivind Aadland

Conductor

The first two discs in this 'Complete [Grieg] Symphonic Works' series were outstanding. This third is wholly exceptional.

Gramophone

Eivind Aadland is one of Norway's leading conductors, who brings both historical rigour and fresh insight to his interpretations of Classical and Romantic repertoire. He is well known to audiences across Australia and East Asia, having toured the region extensively, and was Principal Guest Conductor of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra from 2011 to 2013. In 2020 he took up his new position as Chief Conductor and Artistic Director of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, based in Hobart, a city that is quickly becoming a leading cultural destination.

He has fostered loyal relationships with orchestras around the world, including the WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln, with whom he recorded a definitive five-volume set of Grieg's complete symphonic works, Mozart's Bassoon and Clarinet Concertos and most recently, Bartók's *Second Violin Concerto* with Baiba Skride. Between 2004 and 2010 he was Chief Conductor and Artistic Leader of the Trondheim Symphony Orchestra, and he works with the National Orchestra of Belgium, Seoul Philharmonic, Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony, Oslo Philharmonic and Iceland Symphony orchestras.

His musical sensitivity and calm leadership also make him a favourite collaborator for singers and he has conducted productions of *Don Giovanni*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Die Zauberflöte* and *Die Fledermaus* for Den Norske Opera, Oslo.

He is an avid collector of contemporary art, with a collection encompassing the diverse media of painting, photography, video and installation. He brings this curiosity and broad aesthetic sense to his musical work and recently collaborated with artist Alexander Polzin on a multimedia staging of Grieg's *Peer Gynt*, which was presented by both Bergen Philharmonic and Barcelona Symphony orchestras.

Aadland is a passionate advocate of Norwegian music and his extensive discography includes works by Norwegian composers such as Irgens-Jensen, Bull, Schjelderup, Groven and Nordheim.

He is committed to the next generation of musicians, devoting time to educational projects such as the Ung Philharmonic, a mentoring scheme for young Norwegian players, and youth orchestras including Iceland Symphony Youth Orchestra and Oslo Philharmonic's Young Philharmonic.

Discography

Bartók *Second Violin Concerto*, WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln (Orfeo)

Mozart's Bassoon and Clarinet Concertos, WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln (LAWO)
Grieg complete symphonic works, WDR Symphony Orchestra (Audite)
Towards the Mountains – Symphonic Works by Groven, Stavanger Symphony Orchestra
(BIS)
Arne Nordheim complete music for violin and orchestra, Stavanger Symphony Orchestra
(BIS)
Irgens-Jensen: Japanese Spring, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra (Simax)
Ole Bull - A Norwegian Pioneer, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra (Simax)
Irgens-Jensen symphonic works, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra (CPO)
Schjelderup: Symphonic Drama, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra (CPO)
Tine Thing Helseth: Storyteller (Warner Classics)