

YUTAKA SADO TONKÜNSTLER-ORCHESTER GUSTAV MAHLER 8. SYMPHONIE

A MONUMENTAL FAREWELL

One last masterpiece for **Yutaka Sado**! Under the direction of their then **Music Director**, the **Tonkünstler Orchestra** performed **Gustav Mahler's** monumental **Eighth Symphony** in **June 2025** at the **Musikverein Wien**. «Imagine the universe beginning to ring and resound. It is no longer human voices circling, but planets and suns»: In his Eighth Symphony, Gustav Mahler reaches for the stars – and no wonder that this vast musical event was announced at its premiere as the «Symphony of a Thousand». The Whitsun hymn «Veni, creator spiritus» and the conclusion to Goethe's «Faust II», which was written a thousand years later, come together via musically underpinned connections to form an overwhelming festival of sheer creativity. Celebrated in collaboration with an eminent team of soloists and magnificent choirs, it will be Yutaka Sado's monumental farewell as Music Director of the Tonkünstler Orchestra: Arigatō gozaimasu – a thousand thanks!

As a Viennese orchestra with a musical tradition dating back more than 120 years, the Tonkünstler Orchestra, like the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, plays Viennese instruments. Gustav Mahler's life story is also closely linked to Vienna, where he worked as Court Opera Director of the Vienna State Opera for ten years. He conducted the premiere of his Eighth Symphony on 12 September 1910 – in Munich.

TRACK LISTING

GUSTAV MAHLER (1860–1911)

Symphony No. 8 in E flat major for large orchestra, eight soloists, two mixed choirs and boys' choir

CD 1

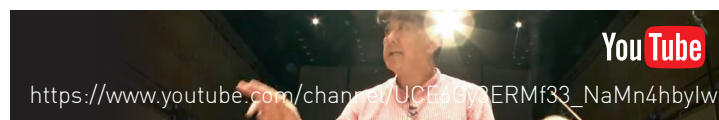
1 – 6 Hymnus: Veni, creator spiritus 25'25

CD 2

4 – 12 Final scene from «Faust» 62'26

Total Length 87'51

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RELEASE DATE FEBRUARY 13, 2026

- With its five residencies – at the **Musikverein Wien** and in **Lower Austria** – the **Tonkünstler Orchestra** is one of **Austria's** largest and most important musical ambassadors.
- The then Wiener Tonkünstler-Orchester gave its first concert in October 1907 at the Musikverein Wien. For more than 75 years, the Tonkünstler have been giving the **Sunday afternoon concerts** in this world-famous concert hall, their most tradition-steeped and popular concert series.
- The Tonkünstler are the orchestra in residence of the **Grafenegg Festival**, one of Europe's leading open-air festivals and host to the world's best orchestras.
- Tokyo-born **Yutaka Sado**, one of the most important Japanese conductors of our time, was **Music Director** of the Tonkünstler Orchestra until 2025. After a decade in the role, he was appointed the Tonkünstler's first honorary conductor.
- Since June 2025 the orchestra has been led by **Fabien Gabel**.
- Recent **tours** have taken the Tonkünstler to Germany and the Czech Republic and, repeatedly, to Japan and Britain.

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ARTISTS: Tonkünstler Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Yutaka Sado

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