**IBRAHIM YAZICI, conductor**

Ibrahim Yazici’s busy and diverse conducting career started in 1995 at Ankara State Opera and within short time he conducted orchestras such as Lucerne Symphony Orchestra, WDR Symphony Orchestra Köln, Taipei Symphony Orchestra, Saint Petersburg Academic Symphony Orchestra,

Brandenburgische Staatorchester, Wuppertal Symphony Orchestra, Camerata de France, Ensemble Resonanz Hamburg, the Presidential Symphony Orchestra and all major symphony orchestras in Turkey. With those orchestras he performed in prestigious concert halls such as Berlin Philharmonie, Vienna Konzerthaus, Essen Philharmonie, Moscow International Music House, Laeiszhalle Hamburg, Liederhalle Stuttgart, Palais des Beaux Arts Bruxelles, Berlin Konzerthaus, Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center or Seoul Arts Center. In 2000 he conducted “Suor Angelica” and “Gianni Schicchi” at the Puccini Festival Valencia. In April 2008 he brought the Turkish Presidential Symphony Orchestra to the International Music House in Moscow. He has also appeared at Europäischer Musik Sommer Berlin, CBS Korea, Bella Pais, Mersin and Istanbul International Music Festivals. In 2012 he conducted the German Premier of Fazil Say's Oratorio “Nazim” in Wuppertal, followed by performances in Essen and Frankfurt with a triumphal success.

In November 2018 he is going to make his Japan debut new Japan Philarmonic Orchestra.

Born in Ankara in 1970 Ibrahim Yazici studied piano, composition and conducting at Ankara State Conservatory and received an MM degree. He continued his studies at the “Conservatoire National de Musique de Perpignan” and obtained three “Premier Prix”. Besides he also worked with Gilbert Varga and has participated at master classes in various European countries.

He has recorded many works by Turkish composers such as Ahmed Adnan Saygun, Fazil Say, Muammer Sun and Turgay Erdener on CD and DVD.

In 2002 Ibrahim Yazici received the "Artistic Encouragement Award" of Hacettepe University and in 2005 he was honoured with the " Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia " awarded by the Italian President.

He gave classes at Hacettepe University, Ankara State Conservatory and Bilkent University of Music and Performing Arts Faculty. From 1998 to 2007 he was the resident conductor of the State Polyphonic Choir. With this ensemble he toured around the world, conducted at various prestigious halls, received many awards, made several recordings and prepared a very extensive repertoire, capturing audiences from a large number of nationalities. In 2007 he was appointed the General Music Director of the Izmir State Symphony, a post he held until 2012. He conducted at Mersin State Opera and Ballet Company between 2013-2015 and Izmir State Opera and Ballet Company between 2015-2017. In October 2018 he returned to his position at Izmir State Opera and Ballet.

In last years he is also concentrated in composition. His orchestral song cycle is premiered by soprano Selva Erdener and Olten Philarmonic Orchestra under his conducting last year. In 2018-2019 season two new orchestral works of Yazıcı will be premiered by Bilkent Symhony and Olten Philarmonic Orchestras.

Since 2014 he is the music director of Olten Philarmonic Orchestra. Besides his busy orchestra concerts he is playing regularly as pianist mostly with Trio Brio, soprano Selva Erdener and young violinist Berfin Aksu. He is also teaching at Olten Philarmonic School and giving piano and singing masterclasses.

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