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The ORF Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra (ORF RSO Wien) is an internationally renowned orchestra, deeply rooted in the Viennese orchestral tradition while distinguished by its bold and innovative programming. Its concerts combine classical and Romantic repertoire with works of the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as rarely performed pieces from across musical history. A particular focus lies on contemporary music, with an average of six world premieres and first performances each season. Recent award-winning recordings include *City Noir* (ICMA 2024; Grammy-nominated 2025) and a Bruckner cycle (ICMA 2024).

Founded in 1969 as the successor to the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation's Grand Orchestra, the RSO Wien has developed a strong international profile under chief conductors including Milan Horvat, Leif Segerstam, Lothar Zagrosek, Dennis Russell Davies, Bertrand de Billy and Cornelius Meister. From 2019 to 2025, Marin Alsop served as Chief Conductor and remains closely connected to the orchestra as Honorary Conductor.

Markus Poschner will take up the position of the Chief Conductor from September 2026 on.

In Vienna, the orchestra performs regular subscription series at the Musikverein and Konzerthaus, and appears at major international festivals such as Salzburg Festival, Wien Modern, Carinthischer Sommer and steirischer herbst. Tours have taken the RSO Wien across Europe, Asia and the Americas to leading venues including the Berlin Philharmonie and Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie, BBC Proms, and Philharmonie de Paris

As the symphony orchestra of Austria's national broadcaster ORF, the RSO Wien reaches wide audiences through radio, television and streaming. Its activities also extend to opera, film music and cross-genre collaborations, reflecting its versatility and commitment to bringing music of our time to diverse audiences.