

Press release

The Concertgebouw organizes a Mahler Festival in 2020

100 years after the first Mahler Festival another great homage to the composer

Amsterdam, 6th May 2014 – From 6 to 20 May The Royal Concertgebouw organizes its third **Mahler Festival**. We will celebrate exactly 100 years since the first Mahler Festival and 25 years from the legendary Mahler Festival of 1995. Preparations for this great musical event have already begun.

The Mahler Festival 2020 will bring together four of the best orchestras in the world, all of whom were once directed by Gustav Mahler himself: the **Berlin Philharmonic, Vienna Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic** and the **Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra**. The four orchestras will play all of Mahler's symphonies, including the 10th which was incomplete at his death in 1911.

The Mahler Festival in 2020 will cover a wide range of events. Besides the ten symphonies there will be vocal repertoire and chamber music in the Concertgebouw. Education will have a prominent position and the **concert** hall's livestream opportunities will be fully exploited. We look forward to sharing the Mahler Festival with a broad international audience. We are in discussion with various Dutch art institutions concerning their contribution to the Mahler Festival in 2020.

Simon Reinink, Managing Director of the Concertgebouw, said: *"The Mahler Festival is in the tradition of the two previous editions of 1920 and 1995, but updated for our times. The historical connection between the Concertgebouw and Gustav Mahler is immensely valuable, as is the huge impact this composer has had on musical culture, in Amsterdam and internationally."*

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