**BORUSAN ISTANBUL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

Turkey’s leading symphonic ensemble, the Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra (BIPO) was founded in 1999 under honorary conductorship of Gürer Aykal. The orchestra worked with Sascha Goetzel between 2009 and 2020, and then decided to continue for two seasons with Patrick Hahn as Art Consultant and Principal Guest Conductor for two seasons, who was hosted for the first time in August 2020 as a guest conductor.

From the 2000/01 season on, BIPO regularly performed on both coasts of its home city accompanying world stars and in time has become one of the city’s cultural beacons. It had also been the resident orchestra of the Istanbul Music Festival between 2003–2018. BIPO worked with world-class artists such as Renée Fleming, Hilary Hahn, Elīna Garanča, Angela Gheorghiu, Lang Lang, Maxim Vengerov, Juan Diego Flórez, Michel Camilo, Bryn Terfel, Sarah Chang, Ian Bostridge, Julian Rachlin, Murray Perahia, Roberto Alagna, Rudolf Buchbinder, Viktoria Mullova, to name a few.

BIPO released its first recording *Respighi, Hindemith, Schmitt* in 2010 and performed that year at the opening festivities of the Salzburg Festival. Its second recording, *Music from the Machine Age*, followed in 2012 and its third disc of music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Balakirev, Erkin and Ippolitov-Ivanov was released in 2014 right after their successful BBC Proms debut under Goetzel. The CD recordingtitled *Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto; Rococo Variations* performed by violin virtuoso Nemanja Radulović accompanied by Borusan İstanbul Philharmonic Orchestra under Sascha Goetzel has been released under Deutsche Grammophon label in September 2017. BIPO went on a European tour with violinist Vadim Repin and Nemanja Radulović in February 2016, with Daniel Hope Nemanja Radulović in January 2018, and performed at the Hong Kong Arts Festival in February 2017.

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