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Conductor



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Biography

> *“What a wonderful act of storytelling, and an interpretation both thoughtful and subtly playful. Even at the opening of the ‘Great Gate of Kiev,’ Rohde’s interest lay not in crude sonic spectacle, but in the careful differentiation of individual sound layers.”*
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> Christoph Forsthoff, Schweriner Volkszeitung

Born in Hamburg, Mark Rohde is General Music Director of the Mainfranken Theater Würzburg.

Mr. Rohde has conducted leading orchestras including the Munich Philharmonic, the Gewandhaus Orchestra Leipzig, the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn, the NDR Radio Philharmonic, the Munich Symphony Orchestra, the Wuppertal Symphony Orchestra, and the Lithuanian National Philharmonic. He appears regularly in concert with distinguished soloists such as Antje Weithaas, Nils Mönkemeyer, and Maximilian Hornung, and guest engagements have taken him, among others, to the Staatstheater Nuremberg, Opera Bonn, the Staatstheater Kassel, and Theater St. Gallen. He has further performed as the principal conductor in several large scale tours through Asia.

Following violin studies in Frankfurt am Main and conducting studies with Prof. Christof Prick in Hamburg, Mr. Rohde began his career as a répétiteur and Kapellmeister. In 2011, he was appointed First Kapellmeister at the Hannover State Opera. His repertoire there included, alongside the major Italian operas, a particular focus on late-Romantic and contemporary works. In Hannover, Mr. Rohde worked with renowned singers such as Thomas Hampson, Neil Shicoff, and Bryn Terfel. In 2019, he moved to the National Theatre Mannheim as Deputy General Music Director; from 2020 to 2025, he served as General Music Director of the Mecklenburg State Theatre Schwerin.

In 2022, Mr. Rohde released his first CD featuring works by the composer Emilie Mayer on the Dabringhaus und Grimm label. In 2023 he conducted the premiere of Giselle at the Deutsche Oper am Rhein, and in 2024 conducted the Gewandhaus Orchestra at the Leipzig Opera in performances of La Bohème and Hänsel und Gretel, as well as at the Leipzig Opera Ball. In September 2024, Mr. Rohde served as President of the Jury of the prestigious International Aeolus Wind Competition in Düsseldorf.

In 2024, Mr. Rohde conducted the central state ceremony for the Day of German Unity, as well as the ZDF broadcast Weihnachten mit dem Bundespräsidenten. In December 2025, he recorded concertos by the composer Josef Schelb with the Munich Radio Orchestra, Oliver Triendl, Hervé Joulain, and other soloists; the CD will be released in 2026.

Mr. Rohde is deeply committed to contemporary music, and has been a frequent guest at the Munich Biennale. He has furthermore conducted world premieres by composers such as Jörg Widmann, Giorgio Battistelli, Peter Michael Hamel, and Klaus Lang.

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Stage repertoire

Giorgio Battistelli

Lot

world premiere

Beethoven

Fidelio

Berlioz

La damnation de Faust

Bernstein

West Side Story

Bizet

Carmen

Boito

Mefistofele

Donizetti

L’elisir d’amore

Grigori Frid

Das Tagebuch der Anne Frank

Gassmann

L’opera seria

Gershwin

Crazy for You



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Stage repertoire

Gluck
Orpheus und Eurydike
Wiener Fassung

Peter Michael Hamel
Bar Do
world premiere

Händel
Agrippina

Haydn
L'infedeltà delusa

Henze
Die englische Katze
Der junge Lord

Humperdinck
Hänsel und Gretel

Janáček
Das schlaue Füchslein

Gordon Kampe
Stadium X
world premiere

Kálmán
Gräfin Mariza

Eunyoung Kim
Exodus
world premiere

Křenek
Vertrauenssache
What Price Confidence

Gisle Kverndokk
In 80 Tagen um die Welt
Deutsche Erstaufführung

Klaus Lang
architektur des regens.
world premiere

Lehár
Das Land des Lächelns
Die lustige Witwe
Der Zarewitsch

Leoncavallo
Pagliacci

Ligeti
Le Grand Macabre

Mascagni
Cavalleria rusticana

Manuela Mayrhofer
Die drei Spinnerinnen
world premiere

Mozart
Die Entführung aus dem Serail
Le nozze di Figaro
Don Giovanni
Die Zauberflöte

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Stage repertoire

Offenbach
Salon Pitzelberger
Der Ehemann vor der Tür
Die schöne Helena

Puccini
La bohème
Il trittico
Madama Butterfly
Tosca
Turandot

Rameau
Castor et Pollux

Karin Rehnqvist
Hübsch hässlich

Rossini
Il barbiere di Siviglia
L'occasione fa il ladro

Julian Rushton
Im Schatten des Maulbeerbaums

Schreker
Die Gezeichneten

Smetana
Die verkaufte Braut

Ethel Smyth
The Wreckers

Johann Strauss
Die Fledermaus
Eine Nacht in Venedig
Wiener Blut

Richard Strauss
Ariadne auf Naxos
Salome

Manfred Trojahn
Was ihr wollt

Verdi
Don Carlo
italienische Fassung
La traviata
Nabucco
Otello
Rigoletto
Un ballo in maschera

Wagner
Der fliegende Holländer
Tannhäuser
Dresdner Fassung

Weber
Der Freischütz

Weill
Lady in the Dark

Jörg Widmann
Monologe für zwei
world premiere

Zemlinsky
Der Traumgörge

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Concert repertoire

J. S. Bach

Harpsichord Concerto in D minor
Orchestral Suites Nos. 1-4
Violin Concertos

Bartók

Concerto for Orchestra
Concerto for Viola and Orchestra

Beethoven

Overtures to Coriolan, Egmont, Fidelio, Leonore 2 & 3
Symphonies Nos. 1-9
Piano Concertos Nos. 1-5
Violin Concerto
Triple Concerto

Berg

Violin Concerto

Berlioz

Symphonie fantastique

Bernstein

Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Brahms

Symphonies Nos. 1-4
Serenade No. 2
Piano Concertos
Violin Concerto
Variations on a Theme by Haydn
Ein deutsches Requiem

Bruckner

Symphonies Nos. 5, 7 & 8

Chopin

Piano Concerto No. 2

Copland

Piano Concerto

Debussy

Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune
La mer

Dvořák

Symphonies Nos. 5, 8 & 9
Cello and Violin Concertos
Symphonic Variations

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Concert repertoire

Elgar
Serenade for Strings
Cello Concerto

Fauré
Élégie for Cello and Orchestra

Gershwin
Ein Amerikaner in Paris
Kubanische Ouvertüre
Piano Concerto

Philip Glass
Symphony No. 8

Charles Griffes
Poem for Flute and Orchestra

Grieg
Piano Concerto
Peer-Gynt Suites Nos. 1 & 2
Symphony
Holberg-Suite

Grøndahl
Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra

Gubaidulina
Märchenpoem

Haydn
Cello Concertos
Symphonies Nos. 88, 98, 101, 102, 103 & 104

Sinfonia concertante

Hindemith
Mathis der Maler
Symphony

Hummel
Concert Overture

Ibert
Concertos for Flute and Saxophone

Eunyoung Kim
Exodus
world premiere

Kodály
Tänze aus Galánta

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Concert repertoire

Kücken

Waldweben-Ouvertüre

Liszt

Les Préludes

Piano Concertos Nos. 1 & 2

Mahler

Symphonies Nos. 4 & 6

Martinů

Concerto-Rhapsody for Viola and Orchestra

Emilie Mayer

Overtures

Symphony No. 3 Militaire

Mendelssohn

Ein Sommernachtstraum

Suite

Symphonies Nos. 1-4

Hebriden- und Melusine-Ouvertüre

Violin Concerto

Piano Concerto No. 1

Mozart

Symphonies KV 136-138, 201, 425, 543, 550 & 551

Piano Concertos KV 414, 466 & 488

Violin Concertos

Flute Concerto KV 314

Clarinet Concerto KV 622

Nielsen

Flute Concerto

Prokofjew

Violin Concerto No. 2

Visions fugitives

Arrangement for String Orchestra

Rachmaninow

Piano Concerto No. 2

Paganini-Rhapsodie

Symphonies Nos. 2 & 3

Ravel

Ma mère l'oye

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Daphnis et Chloé

complete

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Concert repertoire

Rimsky-Korsakow

Die Nacht vor dem Christfest

Suite

Nino Rota

Divertimento concertante for Double Bass and Orchestra

Saint-Saëns

Cello Concerto in A minor

Piano Concerto No. 2

Danse macabre

Schönberg

Verklärte Nacht

Schubert

Symphonies Nos. 4, 5, 7 & 8

Mass in A-flat major

Schumann

Symphonies Nos. 1-4

Schostakowitsch

Violin Concerto No. 2

Sibelius

Symphonies Nos. 2 & 7

Finlandia

Karelia-Suite

Violin Concerto

Smetana

Má vlast

Ethel Smyth

Serenade in D

Johann Strauss

Overtures to Die Fledermaus and Der Zigeunerbaron

Waltzes and Polkas

Richard Strauss

Aus Italien

Horn Concerto No. 2

Oboe Concerto

Till Eulenspiegel

Don Quixote

Strawinsky

Der Feuervogel

Petruschka

Zirkus-Polka

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Concert repertoire

Tschaikowsky

Symphonies Nos. 4-6
Serenade for Strings
Violin Concerto
Romeo und Julia

Wagner

Siegfried-Idyll
Der Ring ohne Worte
Maazel

Weber

Symphony No. 1
Clarinet Concerto No. 1

Webern

Six Pieces for Orchestra op. 6

Zemlinsky

Die Seejungfrau

