

## LSO appoints François-Xavier Roth as Principal Guest Conductor

The London Symphony Orchestra has further augmented its roster of associate conductors with the appointment of François-Xavier Roth as Principal Guest Conductor from the start of the 2017/18 season in September. Roth will replace Daniel Harding, who leaves his position after 10 years to concentrate on his music directorships of the Orchestre de Paris and the Swedish Radio SO.

Roth has had a relationship with the LSO since he won the Donatella Flick Conducting Competition in 2000 and so became the orchestra's assistant conductor. He was Principal Conductor of the SWR Symphony Orchestra, Baden-Baden and Freiburg from 2011 to 2016 and he is also the current General Music Director of the city of Cologne.

Besides Roth, from September the LSO's roster of in-house conductors will include Sir Simon Rattle, who joins the orchestra as Music Director this year, Gianandrea Noseda as fellow Principal Guest Conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas as Conductor Laureate and André Previn as Conductor Emeritus. Of the appointment, Roth said: 'I am looking forward to the many musical adventures that we will take on together and excited by the dialogue already begun with the musicians themselves and of course with Sir Simon Rattle, alongside whom it is a great privilege to work with this fabulous ensemble.'