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## UNIQUE: FOR AN ENCORE, THIS NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR SINGS A LITTLE SONG

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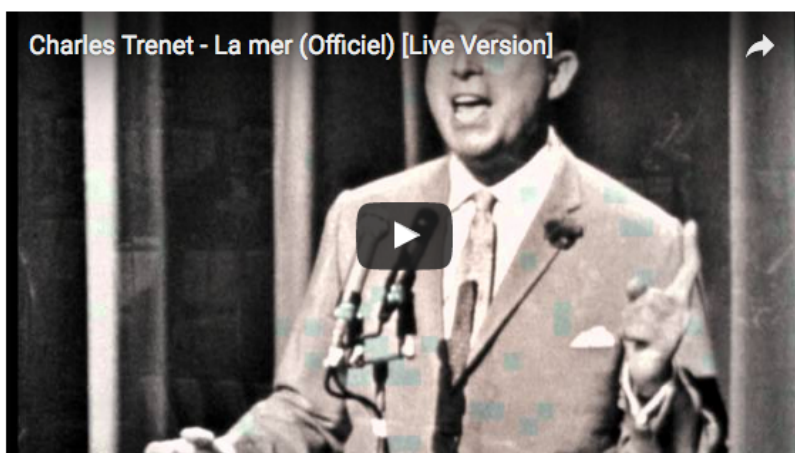
François-Xavier Roth is relatively new at the Gürzenich orchestra in Cologne, still feeling his way with the audience.

So, at the end of the concert, he gave a little chat in German and English on recent results – football and the French election. Then he went into cabaret mode, singing Charles Trenet's classic *La Mer*, with orchestral accompaniment.

Not many music directors get this volume of applause.



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