



Antoni Wit

Conductor

Wit, wisdom and triumph; a spectacular Straussian ascent...Indeed, conductor Antoni Wit must take a lion's share of the credit for the success of this mountain-climb.

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Antoni Wit is one of the most highly regarded Polish conductors and a champion of Polish music. A top prize winner at the Herbert von Karajan International Conducting Competition in 1971 and an assistant to Herbert von Karajan at the Easter Festival in Salzburg, he subsequently worked with all of the leading orchestras in Poland before taking up the position of General and Artistic Director at the Warsaw Philharmonic in 2001 for twelve years until the end of the 12/13 season. He is currently Music Director of the Orquesta Sinfónica de Navarra in Spain and Conductor Laureate of the Krakow Philharmonic in Poland. Antoni Wit was awarded the French Légion d'honneur in 2015.

He has enjoyed an international career with major orchestras throughout Europe, America and the Far East. Past highlights have included the Dresden Philharmonic, WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln, Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich, Filarmonica della Scala, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal, China Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic, the Philharmonia and the BBC Symphony orchestras.

Seven times Grammy Award nominated, Antoni Wit has made over two hundred recordings for EMI, Sony and Naxos. He has sold over five million records on Naxos, including an acclaimed release of Prokofiev's piano concertos with Kun Woo Paik, and was awarded the Diapason d'Or and Grand Prix de la Nouvelle Académie du Disque. He received the award of EMI "Record of the Year" in 1985 for his recording of Szymanowski's Stabat Mater and in January 2002 he was given the Cannes Classical Award for his recording of Messiaen's Turangalîla-Symphonie. More recently, the first two CDs from his series of complete works by Szymanowski were picked as the Gramophone "Editor's Choice" and the subsequent two recordings were awarded the BBC Music Magazine's "Editor's Choice". His first DVD release on ICA Classics label was awarded 'Editor's Choice/DVD of the Month' by Gramophone magazine. The DVD features Szymanowski's Third and Fourth Symphonies conducted by Antoni Wit with the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2012 Antoni Wit's world premiere recording of Gorecki's Concerto-Cantata with the Warsaw Philharmonic on Naxos received a Choc Award. His recording of Penderecki's Fonogrammi, Horn Concerto, Partita, The Awakening of Jacob and Anaklasis on Naxos received a Grammy Award in 2013.

Recent orchestral engagements include concerts with the Berliner Philharmoniker, Radio-Sinfonieorchester Stuttgart, Weimar Staatskapelle, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Budapest Festival Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia Rome, Prague Radio Symphony, Orchestre National de Lyon, Orquesta Simfònica de Barcelona, Orquesta Sinfónica de Puerto Rico, Casa da Música Porto, St Petersburg Philharmonic, Nagoya Philharmonic, New Japan Philharmonic, Teatro Colon Buenos Aires, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Orchestre Philharmonique de Strasbourg, NDR Hannover, Taiwan National Symphony, NCPA Orchestra Beijing, Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Spanish National Orchestra, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Dresden Staatskapelle, and the Cleveland Orchestra.

In the 2016-17 season and beyond Antoni Wit will make his début with the New Japan Philharmonic, NDR Radiophilharmonie Hannover, Deutsches Symphonie Orchester Berlin, Symphony Orchestra of India, and Armenian National Philharmonic, and will tour with the Orchestre National des Pays de la Loire. He will return to the Warsaw Philharmonic, Nagoya Philharmonic, Casa da Música Porto, Seoul Philharmonic, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Mexico City Philharmonic, Orchestre Philharmonique de Strasbourg, and the St Petersburg Philharmonic.