

Württembergisches Kammerorchester Heilbronn

Carried by the passion, quality and inspiration of its members, the name Wurttemberg Chamber Orchestra Heilbronn (WCO) stands for an energetic style of music-making and a distinct individuality of orchestral sound alongside with the competence of sensitive accompaniment.

The WCO is a welcome guest at important international venues such as Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Queen Elisabeth Hall Antwerp, Cologne Philharmonie, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and Rheingau Music Festival. In 2022/23 the orchestra toured South Korea.

Risto Joost will be the new chief conductor as of the season 2024/25.

He will direct the WCO in his first year in ten projects with 21 concerts in Amsterdam, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Karlsruhe, Wiesbaden, Ludwigsburg, Nürnberg, Mülheim/Ruhr, Kaiserslautern, apart from the orchestra's own series in Heilbronn and Ulm. Further highlights include nine performances of *Don Giovanni* in Heilbronn.

The WCO embodies a significant influence on the musical life in Germany with its innovative concert formats. The orchestra's large discography encompasses more than 500 recordings for Deutsche Grammophon, Berlin Classic, Coviello Classics, Pentatone, Hänssler, Capriccio and cpo. In 2022, the WCO was honoured with the renowned ICMA Award for the portrait album by Nikolai Kapustin and pianist Frank Dupree.

The WCO is the life's work of conductor Jörg Faerber who founded the orchestra in 1960 and led it to international renown, succeeded by Ruben Gazarian and Case Scaglione.

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