



KREMERATA BALTICA

GIDON KREMER - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

In 1997, Austria's legendary Lockenhaus chamber music festival was witness to a small revolution when, beside many distinguished musicians, the violinist Gidon Kremer presented the brand new orchestra Kremerata Baltica, comprising 23 outstanding young musicians from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The orchestra has since captivated audiences worldwide with playing of unrestrained joy and its repertoire.

Kremerata Baltica arose from Gidon Kremer's determination to share his rich experience with young colleagues from the Baltic States.

In addition to exploring works from the classical repertoire, Kremerata Baltica has also delivered world premieres of compositions by, among others, Lera Auerbach, Leonid Desyatnikov, Giya Kancheli, Arvo Pärt, Georgs Pēlecis, Alexander Raskatov, Valentin Silvestrov, Victor Kissine, Sofia Gubaidulina and Pēteris Vasks.

Kremerata Baltica's repertoire breadth is reflected in an award-winning discography that spans everything from Mozart's complete violin concertos with Gidon Kremer, Enescu's Octet and Astor Piazzolla's *Tango Ballet* to first recordings of music by Kancheli, Kissine and Pärt. *After Mozart*, recorded by Nonesuch, won Grammy and ECHO Klassik awards in 2002, while albums of works by George Enescu and Mieczysław Weinberg have since secured Grammy Award nominations.

Kremerata Baltica has performed in over 50 countries, presenting over 1,000 concerts in 600 cities. It makes regular appearances at many concert series and festivals, including Berlin's Schloss Neuhardenberg, Bavaria's Schloss Elmau and others.

The ensemble has broadened its work in recent years to include "To Russia with Love", a concert staged at Berlin's Philharmonie in 2013 to promote the cause of human rights in Russia, and its latest creative project, "Pictures from the East", a collaborative venture with Syrian artist Nizar Ali Badr.

Since 2003 Kremerata Baltica has held its own Festival in Latvia.

Kremerata Baltica celebrated its 20th anniversary and Gidon Kremer's 70th birthday year in the season 2016/17 with tours in the Middle East, United States, Europe and Asia under the baton of Gidon Kremer.