



Sachio FUJIOKA, Conductor

Principal Conductor of the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra

Principal Guest Conductor of the Tokyo City Philharmonic Orchestra

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PROFILE

Born in Tokyo in 1962. Sachio Fujioka was the last favorite student of renowned conductor Akeo Watanabe. He served as assistant to Sir Georg Solti in London.

In 1990, he enrolled in the conducting department of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. He was selected as a scholarship student, and in 1992 he received the "Sir Charles Groves Conducting Fellowship", which is given to the young conductors of the most talented EU member states, as a special case despite being Japanese. Following his debut with the BBC Philharmonic in November 1993, he made his debut in the London summer tradition "BBC PROMS" conducted the BBC Philharmonic in 1994. He was a great success and has since performed as a guest performer in many overseas orchestras such as Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, etc.

Between 1995 and 2000 Fujioka was Principal Conductor of the Manchester Camerata. In 2001, Fujioka was appointed Principal Conductor of the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra in Osaka. He is now in his 25th season as Principal, with which he has conducted over 40 concerts each year. The strong feeling of unity in these performances has thrilled audiences and earned high acclaim. In April 2019, he was appointed as Principal Guest Conductor of the Tokyo City Philharmonic Orchestra and there are great expectations for future activities of both parties.

Fujioka has made a mark in opera as well. He conducted an Opera de Oviedo (Spain) production of Britten's Turn of the Screw in 2006 which won an award for the year's best new production; and production of Ariadne auf Naxos in 2009.

Fujioka has released 8 CDs with the BBC Philharmonic including the works of Japanese composer Takashi Yoshimatsu on the British label Chandos. Then, in September 2021, he released the complete Sibelius's Symphonies, which recorded a live performances with the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra on ALM Records. He published from Keibunsha "Do you like music?" and "Sequels・Do you like and music?"

He often appears on TV and radio but among them BS TV TOKYO "Enter the Music" (every Saturday morning 8:30), which participated in the launch of the program and is appearing with Kansai Philharmonic as a conductor and moderator is a popular program that has entered its tenth year in October 2023 and has been broadcast almost 500 times.

Sachio Fujioka was the recipient of the 2002 Akeo Watanabe Foundation Music Award.

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