

EUYO | Short Biography 2023

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“The best possible ambassador for the European Union”

Jean-Claude Juncker, former President of the EU Commission

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The Orchestra has worked with many of the world’s greatest musicians, from Founding Music Director Claudio Abbado to current Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko. It has appeared many hundreds of times across five continents, including at the BBC Proms, Carnegie Hall, and Vienna’s Musikverein. Recent projects include the Frontrunners online learning hub, the Peace in Europe concert series, Music Hub Austria, and Café Bauhaus, all innovative programmes relating to important current issues in society.

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Bernard Haitink, and current Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko. A truly global brand, the EUYO has performed in most of the world's major concert halls and festivals, including the BBC Proms, Carnegie Hall and the Musikverein. Recent awards include the Golden Prague International Festival Crystal Award for the best-televised concert of 2022, the European Cultural Brand of the Year 2020, the European Orchestra Award TAURUS and an Abu Dhabi Culture Summit Cultural Diplomat of the Year Award.

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At the end of 2022, the Orchestra was proud to announce its new home in Grafenegg, Austria. It is also Ensemble in Residence at the Stauffer Center for Strings in Cremona, and a regular presence at Italy's Bolzano Festival Bozen. The 2023 spring tour visited Poland, Romania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Kosovo and Greece, with a particularly original programme exploring the interrelated themes of democracy and sustainability; the 2023 summer tour sold out the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Berlin Konzerthaus, and the Grafenegg Wolkenurm.

Founded by Joy and Lionel Bryer in 1976, EUYO has been a Cultural Ambassador for the European Union for almost fifty years. The Orchestra's Honorary President is the President of the European Parliament, currently Roberta Metsola, and its Honorary Patrons include Ursula von der Leyen, Charles Michel, and EU heads of state and ministers of foreign affairs and culture.

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EUYO | Full Biography 2023

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The Orchestra has worked with many of the world's greatest musicians including Daniel Barenboim, Leonard Bernstein, Herbert von Karajan, Mstislav Rostropovich and particularly its three Music Directors and current Chief Conductor: Founding Music Director Claudio Abbado, former Music Director Vladimir Ashkenazy, former Music Director and Conductor Laureate Bernard Haitink, and Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko.

The EUYO's almost 4000 alumni have all come through the Orchestra's rigorous, annual audition process conducted in all EU Member States, and many are now notable conductors, soloists, teachers and instrumentalists working with the major orchestras of Europe and throughout the world.

A truly global brand, the EUYO has performed in most of the world's major concert halls and festivals, including the BBC Proms at London's Royal Albert Hall, New York's Carnegie Hall and Vienna's Musikverein. From Amsterdam to Abu Dhabi, Moscow to Mumbai, Seoul to São Paulo, the Orchestra has appeared in many hundreds of venues across five continents. Recent awards include the Golden Prague International Festival Crystal Award for the best-televised concert of 2022, the European Cultural Brand of the Year 2020, the European Orchestra Award TAURUS and an Abu Dhabi Culture Summit Cultural Diplomat of the Year Award.

During 2022 the Orchestra launched a new online learning programme, EUYO Frontrunners, and the Peace in Europe project; a series of concerts dedicated to the cause of peace in Europe and to highlighting the plight of victims of violence. During 2022 the EUYO also launched Café Bauhaus, an initiative that supports innovative projects that address pressing issues of our times, and the orchestra became the first orchestra ever to perform on the sacred Greek island of Delos in a World Human Forum concert live-streamed on Arte TV and broadcast on big screens across Europe, raising awareness globally about the urgent need for the regeneration of our planet.

2022 also saw the announcement of the EUYO's new administrative home in Grafenegg, Austria, supported by Grafenegg Kulturbetriebsgesellschaft m.b.H., the Austrian Federal Ministry of Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport, and the Department of Art and Culture of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria (St. Pölten). EUYO

is further supported by the European Commission's Creative Europe programme, the Italian Ministry of Culture, the Comune di Bolzano, and the European Union's 27 Member States.

The 2023 season's spring tour visited Western Balkan states as well as EU countries in a project that explored the twin themes of democracy and sustainability, and which involved young musicians from each host city of the tour. The summer 2023 tour welcomed conductors Antonio Pappano and Manfred Honeck, soloists Julia Fischer, Benjamin Grosvenor and Martin James Bartlett, and sold out the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Berlin Konzerthaus, and the Grafenegg Wolkenurm.

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