



## **European Union Youth Orchestra and Vasily Petrenko to perform at 11 November world leaders armistice ceremony in Paris**

On 11 November 2018 the European Union Youth Orchestra, together with their Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko, will perform at the foot of the Arc de Triomphe during a ceremony marking the centenary of the end of World War I. The event is organised by the French government's Mission du centenaire de la Première Guerre Mondiale under the direction of France's President Macron, and will be attended by many world leaders. Vasily Petrenko and the EUYO will perform Ravel's *Bolero* as the climax of a commemoration that includes music by cellist Yo Yo Ma and Beninese singer Angélique Kidjo.



Vasily Petrenko conducting the EUYO. Photo credit Marco Caselli

Vasily Petrenko, Chief Conductor of the European Union Youth Orchestra says "It is a great honour to be part of the ceremony marking the centenary of the end of World War I. The EUYO and I look forward to performing in Paris on 11 November as cultural ambassadors for the European Union."

Marshall Marcus, CEO, European Union Youth Orchestra says, "It is an honour of the highest order for the EUYO to contribute to this commemoration of the ending of one of Europe's gravest and most bloody wars. At a challenging time for Europe, and as a cultural ambassador for the European Union, we stand together with everyone who believes in a Europe of people who work together rather than against each other."

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**The EUYO**

The European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO), formed from the finest young musicians from across all EU member states, is one of the world's pre-eminent symphony orchestras. Described by President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker as "the best possible ambassador for the European Union", the EUYO has created an exceptional bridge for thousands of aspiring young musicians and the professional music world since its foundation in 1976. 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 current Conductor Laureate Bernard Haitink, and Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko.

**Vasily Petrenko**

Vasily Petrenko is Chief Conductor of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Chief Conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Chief Conductor of the European Union Youth Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor of the State Academic Symphony Orchestra of Russia. In 2021, Petrenko will take up the position of Music Director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London.

Petrenko has worked with many of the world's most prestigious orchestras including the Berlin Philharmonic, London Symphony Orchestra, Russian National Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, Czech Philharmonic, NHK Symphony Tokyo and Sydney Symphony. Recent years have seen a series of highly successful North American debuts, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago, Montreal, Pittsburgh symphony orchestras, and appearances at the Aspen, Blossom and Ravinia summer festivals.