



adelaide symphony orchestra

PRINCIPAL PARTNER **Santos**

Arvo Volmer, Chief Conductor and Music Director, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

Arvo Volmer took up his four-year appointment as Music Director of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in January 2004.

Volmer began his professional conducting career with the Estonian National Opera in 1985, while still a student at the Estonian Music Academy. He made his debut with the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra in 1987, became their Associate Conductor in 1989 and was their Music Director between 1993 and 2001. Volmer was Music Director of the Oulu Symphony Orchestra from 1994 to 2005, and is currently Artistic Director of the Estonian National Opera.

Arvo Volmer has conducted almost all of the symphony orchestras in Scandinavia, including the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Copenhagen and Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestras and Stockholm's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has conducted orchestras in UK, France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Israel and Iceland.

Recent highlights have included concerts with the Orchestre National de France, Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra, Berliner Symphoniker, Russian Philharmonic Orchestra of Moscow and the St Petersburg Orchestra. Arvo Volmer made his Los Angeles debut at Royce Hall with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra as part of Australia Week in January 2009.

Arvo Volmer is active as a conductor of opera, working frequently with the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, Finnish National Opera, Norwegian Opera and Oulu Opera.

He has recorded extensively, including the complete symphonies of Eduard Tubin and the complete orchestral works of Leevi Madetoja, as well as discs of Swedish and Estonian contemporary music. He made his Australian debut in 2001 and has conducted the Adelaide, Tasmanian, West Australian and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, Sydney Philharmonia Choir and The Queensland Orchestra. His recordings with the ASO of the Sculthorpe Requiem and Sibelius Symphonies have received international acclaim. The full Sibelius Symphony cycle will be released late 2009.

Arvo Volmer has confirmed his future with the ASO for a further four year term as ASO Chief Conductor and Music Director until 2011, extending a musical partnership that is shaping up as the most productive in the orchestra's career.