

## **Benjamin Forster**

**Prinzipal Timpanist at Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich and designated principal timpanist of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra  
Professor for Timpani at the University of Music Zurich (ZHdK)**

Benjamin Forster has studied at the Conservatory of Munich with Arnold Riedhammer and at the Musikhochschule München in the Masterclass of Prof. Peter Saldo. He was a member of the Bavarian Orchestra Academy and an academic at the Munich Philharmonic. From 2004 to 2006 Benjamin Forster was timpanist and drummer at the Zurich Opera Orchestra and since 2006/07 he has been a solo timpanist at Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich.

At the season 2018/19, Benjamin Forster was the successor to Rainhard Seegers as Principal Timpanist of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. 2010 – 2018 he was a lecturer for timpani at the Musikhochschule Trossingen.

Since the academic year 2018/19, he is the new main lecturer for timpani at the University of Music in Zurich (ZHdK).

Masterclasses were given by Benjamin Forster both in Europe and in Japan. In addition, he has performed with famous conductor personalities. Benjamin Forster has performed with renowned orchestras such as the Berliner Philharmoniker, the Bamberger Symphoniker, the Bavarian State Orchestra, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Staatskapelle Dresden, the NDR Symphony Orchestra Hamburg, the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, the Mahler Chamber Orchestra, the Gürzenich Orchestra Cologne, the Chamber Orchestra Cannes, the Dresden Philharmonic and many more.

Through his work as a solo timpanist, Benjamin Forster has the opportunity to work together with conductor personalities such as David Zinman, Zubin Metha, Mariss Jansons, Bernhard Haitink, Herbert Blomstedt, Christoph von Dohnany, Kurt Masur, James Levine and many others.