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Kent Nagano will be awarded the Wilhelm-Furtwängler prize at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010

Kent Nagano who is General Music Director of the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich and Music Director of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal since 2006, will be awarded the Wilhelm-Furtwängler prize at this year's Beethovenfest Bonn.

The conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler is one of the most important Beethoven interpreters of the 20th century. The prize which was initiated by his wife Elisabeth Furtwängler and Ermano Sens-Grosholz honours outstanding soloists, orchestras, conductors and ensembles of classical music life for their musical efforts and social engagement. For the first time Plácido Domingo was awarded the Wilhelm-Furtwängler prize in 1990. Further prize winners are Agnes Baltsa, José Carreras, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, James Levine, Lorin Maazel, Daniel Barenboim and the Staatskapelle Berlin, amongst others. Since 2008, the prize has been awarded at the Beethovenfest Bonn, last year to Kurt Masur for his lifework.

Kent Nagano is a regular guest of the Beethovenfest Bonn where he performed with the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra. In September 2010, he will conduct the Bayerische Staatsorchester with Beethoven and Bruckner in the opening concert of the Beethovenfest:

12 September 2010, Bonn, Beethovenhalle Bayerisches Staatsorchester:

Beethoven: Symphony No. 1

Bruckner: Symphony No. 7

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