

GUNTHER HERBIG conductor

Günther Herbig left behind the challenging political environment of East Germany and moved to the United States in 1984, where he has since conducted all of the top-tier orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Chicago, Boston, and San Francisco symphony orchestras.

Posts Herbig has held include music director of the Detroit Symphony and the Toronto Symphony, Principal Guest Conductor of both the Dallas Symphony and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, and general music director of both the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra and Berlin Symphony Orchestra.

Former Artistic Advisor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, he is now their Conductor Laureate. He is also Honorary Conductor of Las Palmas in the Grand Canaries.

Herbig has toured America several times with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and received high praise for the many performances they gave in New York's Carnegie Hall. In January 1989, he toured Europe with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Gidon Kremer as soloist to critical acclaim. In 1990, he toured the Far East with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and in the spring of 1991, he toured Europe with them in his 37th international orchestra tour. He has also conducted most of the major European orchestras and has also toured Japan, South America, and Australia many times.

He has recorded more than 100 works, some of which were with the East German orchestras with whom he was associated prior to moving to the West in 1984. Since then he has made recordings with several of the London orchestras, the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Saarbrücken RSO.

Key figures in his musical training include Hermann Abendroth, Hermann Scherchen, and Herbert von Karajan. He has recorded over 100 works with a variety of East German orchestras, Toronto Symphony, Orchestre de Paris, BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and others. England's Manchester Evening News calls Herbig "one of the greats," adding "Herbig...brings life and distinction to everything he touches..."