

## Press Release

**Berlin 27 August 2021.** The **Baltic Sea Philharmonic** and **Kristjan Järvi** kick off the long-awaited 2021 tour year with their debut at the prestigious Enescu Festival in Bucharest. Romania's capital will see two premieres at the same time: A concert of the Baltic Sea Philharmonic with world-renowned pianist Maria João Pires with the programme 'Aurora' (30 August) and a concert with one of the leading violinists, Victoria Mullova in the programme 'Nordic Swans' (31 August). This performance will be streamed live on the Enescu Festival website on Tuesday, 31 August at 4:30pm Bucharest time ([link](#)) and is also a preview of the orchestra's following 'Nordic Swans' tour from 3 to 12 September.

The '**Nordic Swans**' programme is inspired by one of nature's noblest creatures – the swan, symbol of purity and great beauty. Arvo Pärt's uplifting atmospheric *Swansong* and '*Fratres* in an orchestral version as well as his *Pasacaglia for violin, vibraphone and strings* are performed together with Kristjan Järvi's arrangement of Tchaikovsky's world-famous ballet *Swan Lake* as a dramatic symphony. The Baltic Sea Philharmonic's recording of Järvi's similarly inspired arrangement of Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* was released on Sony Classical in November 2020. The concerts will be performed from memory in the orchestra's borderless and innovative spirit which make the performances of the Baltic Sea Philharmonic unique experiences.

**Kristjan Järvi** and the 81 musicians of the Baltic Sea Philharmonic look forward to performing in Bucharest: 'We are very happy to come to the Enescu Festival. I performed at the festival a few years ago and came away with fantastic impressions. Romania is a diverse country, and is an example for what Europe stands for. And in bringing the Baltic Sea Philharmonic to the Black Sea region, from one sea to another, we will show that we're not only connected by water, but also by song and dance.'

Following two days of rehearsal in Bucharest, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic begins its '**Nordic Swans**' tour at the Merano Music Festival (3 September) with a slightly different programme, including Sibelius' *The Swan of Tuonela*. A debut for the ensemble in Ljubljana follows on 6 September, before the musicians travel to Germany for the Usedom Music Festival on the Baltic Sea island of Usedom (11 September). The tour will conclude with the debut for the orchestra at Szczecin's strikingly designed Philharmonic Hall (12 September).

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## **Baltic Sea Philharmonic – a revolution in music and culture**

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic takes the orchestral concert experience to a new dimension. Every performance is a voyage of musical discovery, as the musicians perform the entire programme from memory, creating a one-of-a-kind artistic journey. Each concert is a unique spectacle of sound, light, visual art, technology, choreography and playing by heart, and under the electrifying baton of Music Director and Founding Conductor Kristjan Järvi every performance has a special energy that is absolutely infectious. But even more than this, as a community of musicians from ten Nordic countries, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic transcends boundaries and has become a movement for bringing people together. Embodying all that is innovative and progressive about the Nordic region, this visionary ensemble is taking the traditional orchestral model further than ever before. 'It is a living breathing creature, with boundless energy and enthusiasm for the new – an adventure in itself,' says Kristjan Järvi.