

Ben Palmer is Chief Conductor of the Deutsche Philharmonie Merck, and Founder and Artistic Director of Covent Garden Sinfonia. He works regularly with the Hallé Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, Orchestra of Opera North, St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra and BBC Singers. Other recent guest conducting engagements include the BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, London Mozart Players, Royal Northern Sinfonia, NDR Radiophilharmonie, Heidelberger Sinfoniker, Württembergische Philharmonie Reutlingen, Deutsches Filmorchester Babelsberg, Deutsches Kammerorchester Berlin, Sinfonietta de Lausanne, and Hong Kong Philharmonic. This season he makes his debut with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

He is one of Europe's leading specialists in conducting live to film, appearing regularly at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall, where he has conducted films such as Jurassic Park, Home Alone, and E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial. His repertoire includes the Star Wars trilogy, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Back to the Future, Casino Royale and Skyfall, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Psycho, The Gold Rush and Metropolis. In 2021 he will conduct Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times.

From 2011-2016 he acted as assistant conductor to Sir Roger Norrington, and has twice worked as rehearsal conductor for Bernard Haitink. He is also in demand as a composer, arranger and orchestrator.