

Ben Palmer is Chief Conductor of the Deutsche Philharmonie Merck and also Chief Conductor of Babylon Orchester Berlin, and Artistic Director of Covent Garden Sinfonia. This season sees debuts with the Aalborg, Antwerp, City of Birmingham, Hof, London and Montreal Symphony Orchestras, at the BBC Proms with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (televised on BBC Two), the 21st Century Orchestra and with the Arctic Philharmonic. He works regularly with the Hallé, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Deutsches Filmorchester Babelsberg, Pilsen Philharmonic, and the world-famous Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

He can often be heard on BBC Radio 3 conducting the BBC Singers and the BBC Orchestras. Other recent guest conducting engagements include the Heidelberger Sinfoniker, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Sinfonietta de Lausanne, Sinfonietta Riga, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and Royal Scottish National Orchestra. He has made recordings with the NDR Radiophilharmonie (for Sony Classical, nominated for an Opus Klassik award), BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Covent Garden Sinfonia, Deutsche Philharmonie Merck, and Deutsches Kammerorchester Berlin.

Personally authorised by John Williams to conduct his film scores in concert, and acclaimed by Hans Zimmer as “a masterclass in conducting”, Ben Palmer is one of Europe’s most sought-after specialists in conducting live to picture. A trumpeter and composer by training, he studied at the University of Birmingham and the Royal Academy of Music, which elected him an Associate (ARAM) in 2017. He continues to be in great demand as a composer, arranger and orchestrator, most notably for Sony.