

Andris Poga is the Chief Conductor of the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra. He was the Music Director of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra from 2013 till 2021 and continues to collaborate with the LNSO as its Artistic Advisor.

Highlights of recent years have included concerts with the leading orchestras of Germany, France, Italy, Japan and Scandinavia. After the first successful collaborations he has been invited back to the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester Hamburg, WDR Symphony Cologne, Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich, Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, NHK Symphony Orchestra Tokyo and many others. He has also conducted the Wiener Symphoniker, Saint Petersburg Philharmonic, Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony.

The season of 2022/23 includes the subscription concert series with both the SSO and LNSO, tour of France with the LNSO, returns to the US, Japan and China as well as to the Oslo Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, WDR Symphony, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, SWR Symphony, Frankfurt Radio, Orchestre National de France. Debuts with the Gothenburg Symphony, Brussels Philharmonic, Warsaw Philharmonic, Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg and Konzerthausorchester Berlin among others.

In 2010, Andris Poga was the First Prize winner of the Evgeny Svetlanov International Conducting Competition, which thrust him into the international scene. He was an assistant to Paavo Järvi at the Orchestre de Paris from 2011 to 2014, and from 2012 to 2014 he served as an assistant conductor for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Andris has graduated the conducting department of the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music. He also studied philosophy at the University of Latvia and conducting at the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts.