

Andris Poga is the Chief Conductor of the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra since 2021/22 season. He was the Music Director of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra (LNSO) from 2013 till 2021 and will continue 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, Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich, Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, SWR Symphony Stuttgart, NHK Symphony Orchestra Tokyo and many others. He has also conducted the Wiener Symphoniker, Saint Petersburg Philharmonic, Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Orchestre National de France, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony.

The season of 2021/22 includes the regular subscription series with both the SSO and LNSO and returns to the Oslo Philharmonic, WDR Symphony Cologne, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, RAI Torino, Aarhus Symphony, Monte-Carlo Philharmonic as well as debuts with the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon, The Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, Bergen Philharmonic and other orchestras in Germany and Scandinavian countries.

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.