



NIKOLAJ SZEPS-ZNAIDER, violin & conductor

Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider is a regular guest conductor of the world's leading orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, Bamberg Symphony, and the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra. Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider inaugurated his first season as Music Director of the Orchestre National de Lyon in September 2021.

Following an outstandingly successful opera debut conducting 'The Magic Flute' at the Dresden Semperoper, Szeps-Znaider was immediately re-invited to conduct 'Der Rosenkavalier' at the House in Autumn 2019. He has since returned to Dresden Semperoper for a revival of 'Der Rosenkavalier' and made his debut at the Royal Danish Opera conducting a new production of 'The Magic Flute'.

Also a virtuoso violinist, Szeps-Znaider maintains his reputation as one of the world's leading exponents of the instrument with a busy calendar of concerto and recital engagements.

Szeps-Znaider is passionate about supporting the next generation of musical talent, and is President of the Nielsen Competition, which takes place every three years in Odense, Denmark.

Szeps-Znaider plays the "Kreisler" Guarnerius "del Gesu" 1741 on extended loan to him by The Royal Danish Theater through the generosity of the VELUX Foundations, the Villum Fonden and the Knud Højgaard Foundation.