

Born in Tokyo, **Yoshiaki Shibata** studied violin at the Hochschule der Künste, Berlin as an undergraduate, and completed his Masters degree under Prof. Manfred Scherzer at the Hochschule fuer Musik "Carl Maria von Weber" in Dresden, graduating with distinction.

Since 2003, he has been working as the artistic director and the violin soloist in the Neues Sinfonieorchester Berlin.

Shibata received his artistic direction and mentoring from Ida Handel, Yehudi Menuhin and Ruggiero Ricci.

He appeared extensively in international concerts and competitions, winning prestigious prizes in contests such as the International Tchaikovsky Competition, the International Violin Competition in Hannover, and the International Instrument Competition Markneukirchen.

Shibata participated in important festivals such as Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival, the Sergiu Celibidache Festival and the Festival Classic Open Air in Berlin's Gendarmenmarkt.

He headlines the Neues Sinfonieorchester Berlin, with whom he appears regularly as soloist, and is an accomplished and well-known soloist appearing with other renowned orchestras, such as the Konzerthausorchester in Berlin.

He has been recorded in broadcasts by SFB, MDR and RAIS Berlin, and appeared in television programs on NDR and ZDF.

The Neues Sinfonieorchester Berlin was established in 2003. The almost 60-member orchestra is successfully established on the Berlin music scene and is known nationally through its guest performances. It has a musically top flight and experienced Chief Conductor in Gerd Herklotz. Also noteworthy in its concerts is the eloquent moderation provided by Lutz Daberkow, Director, particularly in the beloved Berlin City Hall (Rotes Rathaus) Concert series.