

KASPARS ADAMSONS

Born in Riga on 21 February 1985. First studied music at the Emils Darziņš Special Music Secondary School and Riga Cathedral Choir School, then at the Jazeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music Department of Choir Conducting.

Supplemented his knowledge with Erik van Nevel, Professor of Early Music at the Leuven Music College in Belgium. In 2011, graduated from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, earning a Master's degree in orchestra conducting, but in summer 2012 completed his studies at Stockholm's Royal College of Music.

Conducted the Jumprava Cultural Centre's early music ensemble *Modus Vivendi* (until 2015), is the artistic director of the Latvian Academy of Culture youth choir *Sōla* and of the Seja District's mixed choir *Sīda*, and performs the duties of choirmaster at the Latvian National Opera.

Also an active symphony-orchestra conductor – has been conducting the Riga Music Schools' combined symphony orchestra since 2014, collaborated with the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, Liepāja Symphony Orchestra, the *Rīga* professional brass band, Vidzeme Chamber Orchestra, Jazeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, Estonian Academy of Music Orchestra, Estonian National Symphony Orchestra, Norrköping Symphony Orchestra, Gävle Symphony Orchestra, Umeå Symphony Orchestra, Dalarna Chamber Orchestra, Gotland Brass Band and Linköping Brass Band.

A chief conductor at the XXVth - XXVIIth All-Latvian Song Festivals, the Xth Latvian School Song and Dance Festival and of Limbazi District choirs (since 2009).

Nominated for the 2014 Grand Music Award and winner of the audience sympathy award, as well as the winner of countless competitions, including the Best Conductor Award at the 1st International Baltic Sea Choir Competition (2016), won the Best Conductor Award at the 5th International Florence Choir Festival (2016) and 28th International *Praga Cantat* 2014 choir competition, received the New Talent Award at the 25th International *Seghizzi* Choir Competition in Italy (2013) and was awarded a prize for his convincing debut at the XXIVth All-Latvian Song Festival Choir Competition (2008).

In 2024, Kaspars received a Professional Doctorate in Music, the first in Latvian history.