

NITAI RACH **Conductor | Artistic Director**

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Languages: Hebrew (Native), English (Fluent)

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- **Conductor in Residence**
  Israel Chamber Orchestra | 2021–Present.
- **Music Director, Fantasy Concert Series**
  Israel Chamber Orchestra | 2023–Present.
- **Member of the Quality Committee for the "Cultural Curation" Program**
  Ministry of Culture, Government of Israel | 2026 – current.

EDUCATION

- **Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.), Orchestral Conducting, 4 Years Program.**
  Buchmann–Mehta School of Music, Tel Aviv University | 2017–2021. Principal Teacher: Prof. Yi An Xu.

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

- **2026** – Solti International Conducting Competition 2026, Pecs\Budapest, Hungary, **Semi-Finalist.**
- **2024** - OCCO Academy & Competition, Estoril, Portugal, **First Prize.**
- **2024** - Ionel Perlea International Conducting Competition Awarded by the National Theatre of Opera and Ballet "Oleg Danovski", Romania, **Special Prize | 2024.**
- **2023** - BMI International Conducting Competition, Bucharest, Romania, **Third Prize.**
- **2021 -** Wiener Schule International Conducting Competition, Vienna, Austria, **First Prize & Orchestra Prize.**
- **2021 -** Haifa Symphony Orchestra Young Conductors Competition, Israel, **First Prize.**
- **2021 -** Israel Chamber Orchestra assistant conductor position, Israel, **First Prize.**

MASTERCLASSES & ARTISTIC MENTORS

- **2026** – Nicolas Pasquet – Myrtus Academy, Masterclass in orchestral conducting, Murcia, Spain.
- **2024** – Nikoly Lalov & Ricardo Averbach - Orquestra de Câmara de Cascais e Oeiras Academy, Cascais, Portugal.
- **2023** - György G. Ráth — Florence Conducting Masterclass, Florence, Italy.
- **2023** - Helmuth Rilling Silva — Dresden Conducting Masterclass, Dresden, Germany.
- **2023** - Michalis Economou — Athens Conducting Academy & Competition, Athens.
- **2021** -Lahav Shani — Buchmann–Mehta School of Music Conducting Masterclass, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- **2021** - Jin Wang — Wiener Schule Conducting Masterclass , Vienna, Austria.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & HONORS

- **2022–2023** - American–Israel Cultural Foundation Conducting Scholarship
- **2024** - Colton Scholarship for Emerging Young Talents, Tel Aviv University
- **2018** – 2021 - Excellence Scholarships, Buchmann–Mehta School of Music
- **2012 –** Sarny Scholarship for young pianists.

ORCHESTRAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Selected Orchestral Engagements)

- **Israel**: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra, Be'er Sheva Sinfonietta, Israel Chamber Orchestra, 21st Century Ensemble, Israel Flute Ensemble.
- **International**: Pannon Philharmonic (Hungary), Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra (Hungary), Myrtus Festival Orchetrsa (Spain), Bucharest Symphony Orchestra (Romania), Tîrgu Mureș State Philharmonic (Romania), Athens Philharmonia Orchestra (Greece), Universitätsorchester Dresden (Germany), Lunigiana International Music Festival Orchestra (Italy), Haydn Symphony Orchestra Vienna (Austria), Orquestra de Câmara de Cascais e Oeiras (Portugal).

Conductors assisted Ruben Gazarian, Vasily Petrenko, Christoph Poppen, Roberto Fores Vesez, Omer Meir Wellber, Bar Avni, Evan Alexis Christ, Jesko Sirvend, Ariel Zuckermann.

ARSTISTIC PLANNING & CONCERT PROGRAMING

Managed artistic planning and concert programming, developing innovative, multidisciplinary concert experiences designed to engage new audiences. Oversaw repertoire development, artistic decision-making, budget planning, and PR strategies in alignment with the orchestra's artistic vision and organizational goals. **Selected Projects:**

- Casino Concert – Audience chooses the pieces played, alongside games and trivia.
- Four Seasons in Theater – Vivaldi's Four Seasons, in collaboration with Malenky Theater.
- Holst – The Planet Chamber Version, accompanied by a movie written by Nitai Rach.
- Toy Night – story of Mozart, cooperation with Malenkly Theater.
- A Tribute to Chava Alberstein - Orchestrated for Quintet & Piano by Nitai Rach.
- Israeli Military Ensemble Songs - Orchestrated for Chamber Orchestra by Nitai Rach.

SELECTED CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 -Assistant Conductor to Maestro Vasily Petrenko for performances of Holst's *The Planets* with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
- 2026 - Selected to conduct in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's United States Tour (August 2026).
- 2026 - Appointed Conductor in Residence of the Israel Chamber Orchestra.
- 2025 - Conducted Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 13 with pianist Elena Bashkirova.
- 2025 - Made debut with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.
- 2025 - Debut with the Tîrgu Mureș State Philharmonic alongside pianist Daniel Ciobanu.
- 2025-2026 - Served as Conductor and Jury Member for the finals of the Stretto International Piano Competition.
- 2024 - Conducted the world premiere of the opera *Kind of a Monster* (Ady Cohen / Shira Patshornik).
- 2023 - Invited Conductor at the Lunigiana International Music Festival, Italy.