

## PRESS RELEASE

From September 2022, world-famous Italian conductor **Riccardo Frizza** joins the president-conductor Tamás Vásáry and permanent conductor János Kovács as Chief Conductor of the **Hungarian Radio Art Groups** team from season 2022/23. In this capacity, he will conduct four concerts in the coming season.

Hungarian Radio Art Groups and Maestro Frizza already have experience of working together, when it became abundantly clear that this cooperation was mutually beneficial both professionally and artistically. Their combined work has always been excellent and brought huge success and advancement, which is why they both have great expectations for its continuation.

In the next concert season (2022-2023) Maestro Frizza will work together with the ensembles on four occasions in two extended periods, conducting the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir, and the parties are thinking to have at least this level of joint production per season in the future as well. There is a trust that this number will increase, perhaps with collaborations abroad and tours, too.

As Maestro Frizza personally noted: “To be the new Chief Conductor of the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir is first of all a great honour for me: I highly admire the Hungarian musicians and this country incredible cultural heritage.

To be in Budapest is always a great joy for me. The first time I came here and worked with this orchestra was in 2010 and since then, the deep relationship and understanding on the musical level I felt on the first day never changed.

I am very happy finally to have this opportunity to work together on a regular basis, to develop and strength further our artistic path. I can see the great potential of this orchestra and I’m confident that it can be listed among the best and most prestigious European orchestras in the scene today.

This is my goal! Or – better - our goal, I can now say.”

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