

Mro Knapp, American conductor, has worked with many of the world's leading orchestras, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, L'Orchestre National de France, Houston Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, New World Symphony, Chicago Civic Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Phoenix Symphony and the Pacific Symphony.

In Russia Mro Knapp regularly performs with the country's premier ensembles: the Russian National Orchestra, Mariinsky Theatre, Moscow State Academic Symphony Orchestra, Moscow Philharmonic, State Academic Symphony Orchestra, Moscow Symphony Orchestra, Saint Petersburg Philharmonic and the Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra.

Mro Knapp also serves as guest conductor at the Stanislavski and Nemirovich-Danchenko Theatre in Moscow, where his critically acclaimed production of Bellini's *Norma* earned him the prestigious 2023 Onegin National Opera Award for "Best Musical Director". He has collaborated extensively with Moscow's Novaya Opera and, in 2025, will assume the role of Artistic Director for the Cantata Festival in Kaliningrad.

At the Mariinsky Mro Knapp is a regular presence on the podium in a wide range of symphonic programs, including complete cycles of Beethoven, Mahler and Brahms symphonies. He also performs a massive repertoire of operas, stretching from such 20th century masterpieces by Debussy, Stravinsky and Janacek, to major operas of Berlioz, Richard Strauss, Saint-Saens, Puccini, to all of the Mozart/Da Ponte operas. He conducts all the major operas of Wagner and Verdi, and has overseen the Mariinsky's most significant premieres of the past decade.

A passionate proponent of new music, Knapp has led such groups as the Perspectives New Music Ensemble in London, the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE) and the Seattle Chamber Players.

Mro Knapp was a prize-winner in the Third International Prokofiev Conducting Competition in 1999. That same year he was also awarded the prestigious Fellowship in Conducting from the Royal College of Music in London, working with its orchestras, new music ensembles and opera theater.

Born in the United States, Mro Knapp holds bachelor's degrees in piano performance from the New England Conservatory and philosophy from Tufts University. He studied conducting at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena under Yuri Temirkanov and Myung-Whun Chung, and completed his training in conducting at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory in Russia, under the legendary Ilya Musin.



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