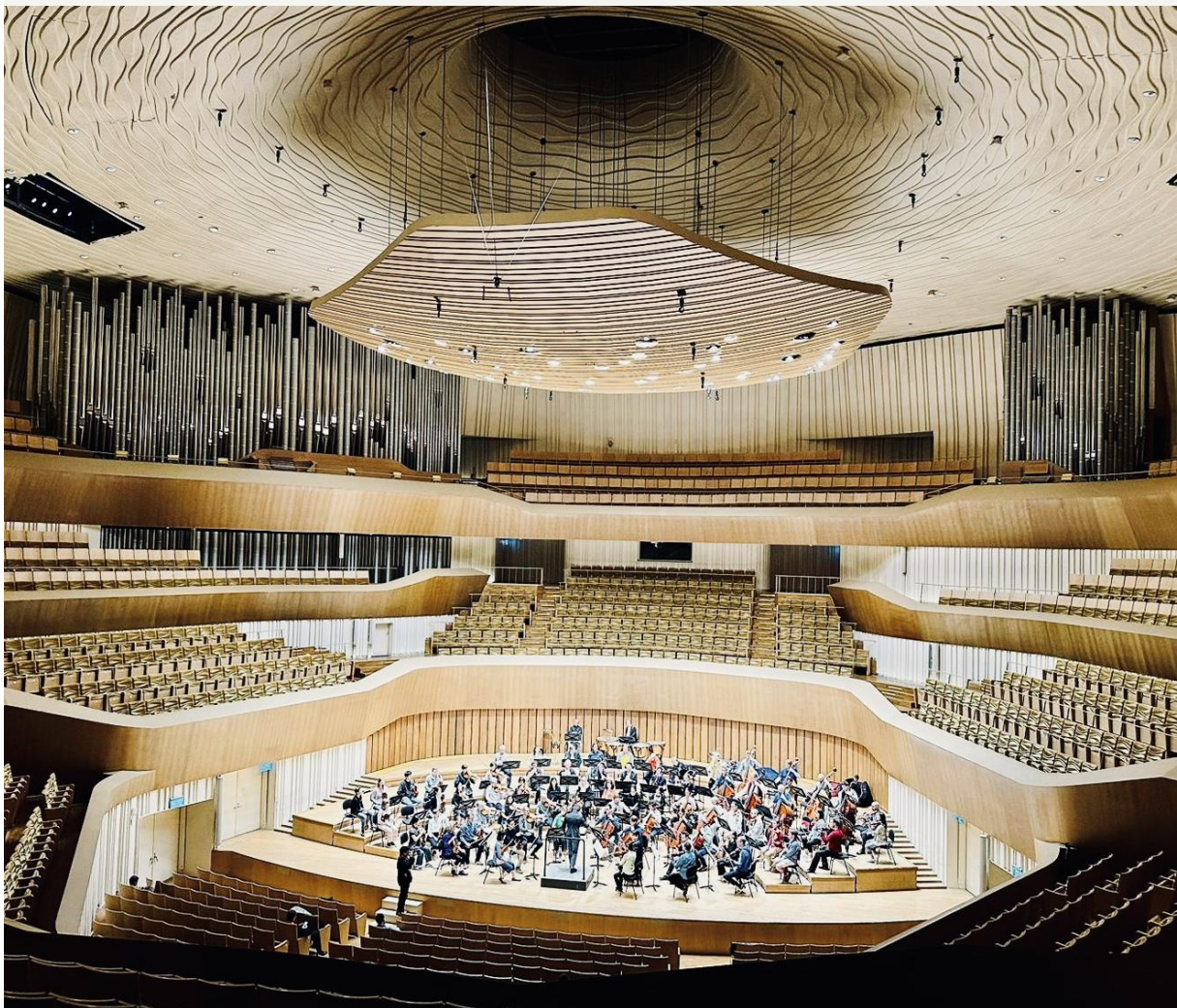


A NEW ORGAN FESTIVAL IN TAIWAN: ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The **National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts** in the Taiwanese city of Kaohsiung (the second largest on the island after the capital Taipei) will start a new music and organ festival in spring 2024. The event is named the **Weiwuying Organ Festival** after the venue, one of the world's largest cultural centers and home to what is currently Asia's largest organ.

I have been appointed the **artistic director of the organ festival** - a wonderful endeavor! I have already engaged the Kaohsiung Symphony Orchestra under Maestro Wen-Pien Chie, the organists Hayo Borema and Aart Bergwerff, the flutist Tatjana Ruhland and the pianist Joseph Moog for the first season.

Already in October 2023 I will travel to Taiwan for 10 days to give several concerts and record a CD.



Concert Hall at the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts (Weiwuying) Photo: Marcus R. Axt