

## Rei Hotoda *Biography*

Conductor and pianist, Rei Hotoda began her tenure as assistant conductor of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra with the 2009-2010 season. A protégé of acclaimed conductor Marin Alsop, Hotoda has guest conducted orchestras throughout North America and Europe including the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Calgary Philharmonic, Edmonton Symphony, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, the Staatskapelle Weimar Orchestra and the International Contemporary Ensemble.

During her first year with the DSO, Hotoda led the orchestra in a myriad of programs including the DSO concert series in Greenville, TX, DSO Pops Series concerts, Family Concert Series, Summer Casual Classics, DSO Youth Concerts and the outdoor parks concert series.

Hotoda has held positions such as assistant conductor of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra from 2006-2009, assistant conductor for the 2005 Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in California and the 3005 Hot Springs Music Festival. Other appointments include principal guest conductor of Chicago's new music group Noamnesia and Ensemble N\_JP. She has conducted numerous famous touring groups and artists including Ben Folds, Five by Design, Platypus Theater Group, Dan Kamin and Jeans'n Classics. As an advocate of new music, Hotoda has conducted premieres of notable composers from Asia, Europe and North America including Toshio Hosokawa, Nicole Lizée, Dai Jujikura, Salvatore Sciarrino and Vivian Fung.

In 2007, Hotoda recorded *Symphony Sessions* with Signpost Records, a CD featuring singer Steve Bell and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. In the fall of 2009, she released two recordings: *Apparitions*, a solo piano compilation of contemporary Asian composers, and *This Will Not Be Televised*, featuring members of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra performing music by Nicole Lizée under Hotoda's baton.

Hotoda studied conducting with Gustav Meier at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, MD. She holds a doctorate in piano performance from the University of Southern California and a bachelor of music in piano performance from the Eastman School of Music.