

# philharmonia orchestra

## **Akiko Suwanai - Violinist**

'Welcome' in Japanese

I like to be individual rather than harmonising, because to play in an orchestra, to be a soloist is completely different.

*Extract from Mendelssohn Violin Concert in E minor – first movement*

It's wonderful you know. The orchestra, the Philharmonia is such a traditional orchestra, it's wonderful. I have the recordings from the old times and especially the sound, I think still they carry this Philharmonia sound, that I remember from these big LPs.

For some reason we never had a chance to play together in Japan, although we've had several projects together beforehand, so I'm very much looking forward to playing in my home country.

*Extract from Mendelssohn Violin Concert in E minor – last movement*