

Kahchun Wong *Chief Conductor*

Praised by Musical America for the “depth and sincerity of his musicality,” Singaporean conductor Kahchun Wong quickly earned international attention after winning the 5th Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition in 2016. Since then, he has developed a reputation as one of the most exciting conductors of his generation.

After a remarkable last-minute debut with the Nuremberg Symphony Orchestra (Nürnberger Symphoniker) in October 2016, Wong was swiftly appointed as its next Chief Conductor from the 2018/2019 season. In his inaugural season with the orchestra, he will lead a wide range of repertoire, from Beethoven and Mahler, to Bartók and Shostakovich, and contemporary composers such as Jörg Widmann, Takashi Yoshimatsu and Kah Hoe Yii.

In the 2018/2019 season, Wong will make his New York Philharmonic debut at the annual Lunar New Year concert, in addition to appearances in Europe and Japan at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Hamburger Symphoniker, Tonkünstler Vienna, Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, Kyoto Symphony, and Nagoya Symphony. In recent seasons, he has led concerts with the Czech Philharmonic, Konzerthausorchester Berlin, Staatskapelle Weimar, Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg, Teatro Lirico Giuseppe Verdi di Trieste and Orquesta de València, Tokyo Philharmonic, Tokyo Symphony, China Philharmonic, Shanghai Symphony and Singapore Symphony.

Wong’s belief in the power of music education to uplift and inspire led him to create, in 2016, Project Infinitude: an inclusive arts initiative embracing children with special needs, in underserved communities, and from diverse backgrounds. The non-profit initiative was co-founded with Marina Mahler, granddaughter of the composer Gustav Mahler.

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