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## Press release

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### **ALEXANDER SHELLEY WILL BE LEAVING NÜRNBERGER SYMPHONIKER IN THE SUMMER OF 2017**

Principal Conductor Alexander Shelley, who alongside his activities in Nuremberg holds two further titles in both Ottawa and London, will not be extending his contract with the Nürnberger Symphoniker. Shelley's activities with the orchestra will therefore come to an end at the close of the 2016-17 season.

Alexander Shelley announced with regret that his growing obligations as Music Director of Canada's National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa as well as his Principal Associate role with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London would not allow him to continue his activities in Nuremberg any longer. "I regret this very much – not only because I love the work in Nuremberg but also because the orchestra and our audience are so close to my heart. The working relationship with Lucius Hemmer is a particularly friendly and fruitful one."

Managing Director Lucius A. Hemmer himself expressed his disappointment about the fact that, despite major efforts, it was not possible to bind Alexander Shelley to Nuremberg for a further period of time. "Alexander is exceptional, not only in terms of being an outstanding conductor but also as a person. He acts as an ambassador for classical music and for our orchestra – you can hardly imagine anyone better. However, his career with many international obligations has developed so fantastically throughout the last years that this step is a logical consequence. For me and the Nürnberger Symphoniker it is important that we will enjoy the two remaining seasons together.

On Saturday, November 21st 2015, you can again enjoy and experience Alexander Shelley in Nuremberg: „Alexander Shelley meets John Davis“ at 8 pm in the Meistersingerhalle.

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