

PRESS RELEASE

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KAHCHUN WONG TO BECOME NEW CHIEF CONDUCTOR

30-year-old conductor Kahchun Wong from Singapore will become the new Chief Conductor of the Nuremberg Symphony at the start of the 2018/19 season.

Kahchun Wong attracted highest international attention by winning the renowned Mahler Competition in Bamberg in May 2016. “Wong inspires all. He is a musical magician, a rare breed of the conductor that understands everything the orchestra needs,” the Süddeutsche Zeitung stated on May 18th, 2016.

In October 2016 he impressed the Nuremberg audience and the orchestra with a magnificent, standard-setting performance of Dmitri Shostakovich’s 5th Symphony – which is even more remarkable considering he was filling in on short notice. He was able to set himself apart from a dozen other hand-picked candidates in the eyes of the management and musicians to succeed Alexander Shelley, who will terminate his activities in summer 2017.

Kahchun Wong has benefitted from the support of the late conductor Kurt Masur, who invited him several times to participate in his master classes. Furthermore, Wong is promoted by Gustavo Dudamel and Esa-Pekka Salonen as well as by Valery Gergiev and Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

As early as March 2018 Kahchun Wong will be introduced to the Nuremberg audience with a grandiose program in two symphonic concerts in the Meistersingerhalle. With the Nuremberg Classic Open Air Concert in August 2018 he will present himself to a broader public.

Managing and Artistic Director Lucius A. Hemmer is absolutely delighted, “With Kahchun Wong, we succeeded in signing a young conductor who is en route to international prominence. He will be able to particularly support us with his creative energy and immense musicality, continuing the successful artistic development from previous years.”

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