4th GUSTAV MAHLER CONDUCTING COMPETITION NOW OPEN
APPLICATION DEADLINE 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Bamberg Symphony Orchestra – Bavarian State Philharmonic’s 4th Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition will be held from 7 to 14 June 2013. Young conductors are invited to apply by 30 September 2012. Application forms and supporting information can be found on the Orchestra’s website at www.bambergsymphony.com/competition.

Conductors no older than 35 years of age on 1 January 2013 may enter. The Competition takes place in several rounds. The winner of the First or highest Prize will be presented to the public at a concert of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra in Bamberg’s Concert Hall on 14 June 2013.

The Competition’s set repertoire ranges across the great symphonic tradition, the classics of modern music and the contemporary avant-garde. Obligatory repertoire includes four of Gustav Mahler’s works as well as compositions by Joseph Haydn, Alban Berg, György Ligeti and Rolf Wallin.

The members of the Jury of the 2013 Bamberg Symphony Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition are Jonathan Nott, President of the Jury and Principle Conductor of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra – Bavarian State Philharmonic; the conductor John Carewe; Louwrens Langevoort, Director of the Cologne Philharmonie, Head of ACHT BRÜCKEN Musik für Köln and Managing Director of KölnMusik GmbH; Jonathan Mills, Director of the Edinburgh International Festival and composer; Albert Schmitt, Managing Director of Die Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen; Markus Stenz, General Music Director of the City of Cologne and Gürtzenich-Kapellmeister as well as Principal Guest Conductor of the Hallé Orchestra and Principal Conductor of the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra; the composer Rolf Wallin; the Managing Director of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra – Bavarian State Philharmonic, Wolfgang Fink; and a member of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra. Marina Mahler, the composer’s granddaughter, is Honorary Member of the Jury.

The Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition, held by the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra every three years since 2004, has become a permanent part of the Bavarian State Philharmonic’s work in the field of music training. With its programme of high artistic quality it has set new standards and counts among the world’s most important events of its kind. As a platform for highly talented artists, it offers all participants, regardless of the outcome, crucial career boosts and opportunities. The winner in 2004, Gustavo Dudamel, was launched on a global career, while Łukasz Borowicz, awarded a special prize, has been Chief Conductor of the Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Warsaw for several years. In the summer of 2011, Ainārs Rubiķis, winner in 2010, made his debut at the Salzburg Festival as recipient of the “Nestlé and Salzburg Festival Young Conductors Award” and was appointed Music Director of Novosibirsk Opera. Yordan Kamdzhalov, placed third that year, was appointed Generalmusikdirektor in Heidelberg in 2011.

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