

ONE TO WATCH

Michał Dworzyński

Michał Dworzyński is already firmly established as a conducting talent in his native Poland: honours from his homeland include Citizen of the City of Bydgoszcz (1997), an artistic scholarship from the President of the City (1998) and the Polish Music Critics' Award (1999).

Dworzyński graduated from the Fryderyk Chopin Music Academy, where he studied with Antoni Wit, before taking postgraduate studies at the Hochschule Hanns Eisler in Berlin. At 21, he was appointed assistant conductor of the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

His big UK break came last October, when he took First Prize in the prestigious Donatella Flick Conducting Competition. The award carries with it a year as the London Symphony Orchestra's assistant conductor, during which time he will work alongside Valery Gergiev, Sir Colin Davis and Daniel Harding in the preparation of concerts. His first Barbican Hall concert took place in February, as part of the LSO "Discovery" series.

Other orchestras to have played under Dworzyński include the Bydgoszcz Chamber Orchestra (of which he was music director, 1995-99), the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, the Warsaw Philharmonic, Sinfonia Varsovia and the National Orchestra of Ireland. ©

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Plans As well as London Symphony Orchestra concerts as part of his assistant conductorship, appearances with Sinfonia Varsovia and the Polish National Radio Orchestras of Katowice and Warsaw are also programmed for this year

