

biography



MICHAŁ DWORZYŃSKI

Michał Dworzyński (30) is fast making his name as one of Poland's most exciting conducting talents.

Winner of the 2006 Donatella Flick Competition, as a result of which he became Assistant Conductor for 2 years at the London Symphony Orchestra, Dworzynski's international career has blossomed since he replaced Harding at short notice to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican 18 months ago.

This season's concerts include re-invitations to the London Philharmonic, London Symphony, BBC Symphony, BBC Philharmonic, BBC Scottish Symphony, and Northern Sinfonia, and Dworzynski now has ongoing regular relationships with several of them. He has also made debuts with the City of Birmingham Symphony and BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and further afield with the Swedish Radio Symphony, Madrid RTVE, RTE Dublin, and Iceland Symphony. In May 2009 he makes his debut with the Israel Philharmonic, conducting the opening concert of the Israel Festival.

Dworzynski is already well-established in his native Poland, conducting all the major orchestras including the Warsaw Philharmonic, Sinfonia Varsovia, the radio orchestras of Katowice and Warsaw, and with his first opera production this season at Warsaw National Opera. In March 2008 Dworzynski accepted the Principal Conductor position of the dynamic young Beethoven Academy Orchestra in Cracow, conducting them at the Warsaw Easter Festival and this autumn in the Warsaw Philharmonic series.

His career first took off when at 21 he became the assistant conductor of the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Katowice, having first been Music Director 1995-99 of the Bydgoszcz Chamber Orchestra. Having graduated with distinction from the Fryderyk Chopin Music Academy where he studied with Antoni Wit (Music Director of the Warsaw Philharmonic), he then undertook postgraduate studies with Christian Ehwald in the Hochschule Hanns Eisler in Berlin, from where he also gained a distinction. He won the conducting competitions in Zagreb in 2003 and Suwon in 2005. He has made several CD recordings for the Polish Television and Radio. His work has been recognised by several honorary titles in Poland; in 1997 he was made a Citizen of the City of Bydgoszcz, the following year he received an artistic scholarship from the President of the City, and in 1999 he received the Polish Music Critics' Award. He received artistic scholarships from the Polish Ministry of Culture in 2001, 2003 and 2005 and in 2007 was awarded a medal from the Society of Polish Musicians for his promotion of Polish music.

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