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Leo McFall is the new Assistant Conductor of the Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester

The GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER is delighted to announce the appointment of LEO McFALL as its new Assistant Conductor.

One of the most talented conductors of his generation, LEO McFALL has regularly been invited to work as a guest conductor with orchestras such as the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, the Chicago Civic, the Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie, the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg, the Göttingen Symphoniker, the Nürnberg Symphoniker, the Bergische Symphoniker, the Oulu Sinfonia and the Turku Philharmonic orchestras. In opera, he has conducted *Carmen*, *Così fan tutte*, *Don Giovanni* and *Rusalka* for Glyndebourne on Tour, as well as Stravinsky's *Renard* and *Mavra* at the Glyndebourne Festival. He has also recently been appointed First Kapellmeister of the Meiningen Opera House.

He enjoys a close working relationship with conductor Bernard Haitink, whom he has assisted many times in concerts with the Royal Concertgebouw, the Chicago Symphony and the Vienna Philharmonic orchestras, among others.



Born in London in 1981, LEO McFALL began studying the piano and the viola at an early age. After being a national finalist in the BBC Musician of the Year competition, he went on to study conducting at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, with further studies at the Zürich Hochschule für Musik. In 2008 he was a recipient of the Seiji Ozawa Fellowship at Tanglewood, and in 2009 he was admitted on the Deutsche Dirigentenforum.

LEO McFALL will start working with the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER on the Easter Tour 2013, assisting conductor Herbert Blomstedt in the preparation of the tour repertoire. He will also conduct the orchestra in a concert at the Gulbenkian Foundation, in Lisbon, in a programme featuring pianist Nicholas Angelich as soloist.

The appointment of LEO McFALL as Assistant Conductor of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER follows the conclusion of David Afkham's very successful three-year tenure.

Alexander Meraviglia-Crivelli, Secretary General of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER, comments: "The position of Assistant Conductor of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER is an ideal training ground for highly talented young conductors, since it requires a very active role within the auditions and the rehearsal periods of the orchestra, working closely with guest conductors and soloists. It also offers high profile conducting opportunities, and LEO McFALL follows the great tradition of Assistant Conductors of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER, such as Franz Welser-Möst, Manfred Honeck, Christoph-Mathias Mueller, Patrick Lange, and David Afkham. We are very much looking forward to working with LEO McFALL."

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