



*'[Benjamin Schwartz] delivered a faultlessly emotive version of Beethoven's Egmont Overture, op. 84. It is moving to see young musicians return to timeless music and give it new life. In spite of his young age, one can already perceive in Schwartz the lineage of the true "maestros." '*

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## **BENJAMIN SHWARTZ**

### **Conductor**

#### **Summary**

- Resident Conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and the Wattis Foundation Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra seasons 2006/7 – 2008/9

#### **Prizes / training**

- Prizewinner in the 2007 Bamberg Symphony Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition
- Attended the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he worked closely with Christoph Eschenbach
- Also studied composition with James Primosch at the University of Pennsylvania, Karlheinz Stockhausen in Germany, and at IRCAM in Paris.

#### **Orchestras worked with**

- BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony, Oregon Symphony Orchestra,

#### **Recent and Future Engagements**

- Subscription concerts; run-out and community concerts with San Francisco Symphony
- Main season concerts with San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra
- Iceland Symphony Orchestra (re-invitation), BBC Scottish Symphony, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra (re-invitation), Orquesta Sinfónica Universidad de Concepción, Huntsville Symphony Orchestra
- Fully staged production of *Il viaggio a Reims* with The Curtis Opera Theatre in Philadelphia
- Concert performances of *La Sonnambula* with The Curtis Opera Theatre in Philadelphia
- Benjamin is one of the creators of [Mercury Soul](#) - an electro-acoustic evening with orchestra and multi-media installations.

#### **References**

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