



*'Volkov is the antithesis of the modern Mahler conductor: he sees no need to exaggerate or self-dramatise, because he understands that the exaggeration is already in the music. In the Ninth Symphony all Mahler's expressive marks were there in full, the tempo fluctuations and climactic outbursts cradled and contoured by Volkov's joined-up approach. When Volkov gets round to conducting Mahler in London, he will surely put the impostors to shame.'*  
Financial Times

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## ILAN VOLKOV

### Conductor

#### Summary

- Israeli conductor, who at 32 years old, has over 15 years of orchestral experience
- His communication flows through his hands to his baton: a fabulous, fluid and expressive technique
- With an inquisitive and eclectic approach in repertoire, his creative programming encompasses core repertoire and nurtures the music of today

#### History

At the age of 19 appointed Young Conductor in Association of the Northern Sinfonia; at the age of 21 Principal Conductor of the London Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; at 23 Assistant Conductor to Seiji Ozawa and the Boston Symphony Orchestra; at 26 youngest conductor ever to be appointed chief conductor of a BBC Orchestra (BBC Scottish Symphony)

#### Orchestras

- Principal Guest Conductor BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra
- Ongoing re-invitations: Orchestre de Paris, Munich Philharmonic, Ensemble Modern, Washington National Symphony, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic
- Forthcoming Debuts: BBC Symphony Orchestra, Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, SWR Freiburg, MDR Leipzig, RSB Berlin
- With BBC Scottish SO: tours to Spain, Netherlands, South America and Baltics, concerts at the BBC Proms and Edinburgh Festival

#### Opera

- Future: 2010 Toulouse Opera *Mahagonny* New Production with Director Laurent Pelly
- Past: 2009 Washington Opera *Peter Grimes*; 2006 Glyndebourne Festival Opera *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; 2004 San Francisco Opera *Eugene Onegin*; 2002 Glyndebourne Touring Opera *Eugene Onegin*

#### Recording

- Award winning relationship with Hyperion Records: [www.Hyperion-records.co.uk](http://www.Hyperion-records.co.uk): most recent release Stravinsky *Jeu de Cartes, Agon and Orpheus* (September 2009)

#### References

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