

Aleksandar Markovic

Conductor

Aleksandar Markovic has established himself as a charismatic and inspiring symphonic and operatic conductor who has enjoyed highly successful tenures as Chief Conductor of the Tiroler Landestheater & Orchester in Innsbruck, Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Brno Philharmonic Orchestra, and Music Director of Opera North.

Born in Belgrade, and a graduate of Leopold Hager's conducting class at the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien, Aleksandar Markovic also attended masterclasses at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, where he was awarded a Diploma d'onore. He gained a scholarship from the Herbert von Karajan Foundation Berlin, and won First Prize at the 7th "Gregorz Fitelberg" International Conducting Competition in Katowice, Poland.

Aleksandar Markovic commands a wide range of symphonic and operatic repertoire, ranging from Classic and Romantic to contemporary styles. His keen interest in 20th-century and avant-garde music has led to performances of works by the likes of Hartmann, Schiske, Istvan, Rozsa, Ligeti, Lutoslawski, Glass, D'Ase, Pintscher, Larcher, Tuur, Yusupov and Salonen. In January 2020, he will make his US debut at Seattle Opera conducting *Eugene Onegin*.

As Music Director of Opera North he conducted Janacek's *Jenufa* and Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*, as well as several concert appearances with the Orchestra of Opera North with repertoire ranging from Mozart through Schumann, Wagner, and Strauss. As Chief Conductor of the Tiroler Landestheater Innsbruck he conducted highly acclaimed productions of *Salome*, *Der fliegende Holländer*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, *Cavalleria Rusticana/ I Pagliacci*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Romeo et Juliette*, *La Traviata*, *Nabucco*, *Norma*, and *Swan Lake*, as well as many innovative symphonic programmes. He also conducted a new production of *La forza del Destino* at the National Theatre Belgrade, and appeared at the National Theatre Prague and the Landestheater Salzburg. He celebrated the 2013 "Wagner Year" with a new production of *Der fliegende Holländer* at the Slovenian National Theatre Ljubljana, and a concert performance of *Rienzi* in Munich's Philharmonie am Gasteig.

During his time with the Brno Philharmonic, and in addition to their annual season, he took the orchestra to the Vienna Konzerthaus, Grosses Festspielhaus Salzburg, the Palace of Arts Budapest, Brucknerhaus Linz, the Queen Elisabeth Hall Antwerp, Reduta Hall Bratislava, Passau's European Weeks festival, and on an extensive tour of Japan. In the autumn of 2014 they performed an all-Wagner programme in Stefaniensaal, Graz, for opening of the Musikverein für Steiermark's 200th anniversary celebrations.

Orchestral appearances have included the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, RTE Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, National Orchestra of Belgium, Munich Radio Orchestra, Odense Symphony Orchestra, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Malmö Symphony, the Qatar Philharmonic, Beethoven Orchestra Bonn, the Croatian HRT and Prague Radio symphony orchestras, the Slovenian Philharmonic and the Slovak Philharmonic, with whom he recorded the CD *Sinful Women* for Czech

national label Supraphon. He has also enjoyed successful debuts with the Wuppertal Opera and Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, Symphony Orchestra of Teatro Verdi Trieste, Bremen Philharmonic, Lübeck Philharmonic and Mannheim Chamber Orchestra.

Other guest conducting appearances include the Croatian Radiotelevision Symphony Orchestra, Spanish Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra, Sarajevska filharmonija, Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Dresden Philharmonic, Stuttgart Philharmonic, Staatskapelle Halle, Prague Symphony Orchestra, Konzerthausorchester Berlin, DSO Berlin, Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg, Vienna Chamber Orchestra and Concertverein, Janacek Philharmonic Ostrava, Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra of St. Gallen, State Orchestra Braunschweig, Belgrade Philharmonic, Zagreb Philharmonic and Kremerata Baltica.

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