

## Nicola Luisotti

Music Director, San Francisco Opera  
Music Director, Teatro di San Carlo of Naples  
Principal Guest Conductor, Tokyo Symphony

Tuscan conductor Nicola Luisotti serves as Music Director of San Francisco Opera and Principal Guest Conductor of the Tokyo Symphony. He was recently appointed Music Director of Teatro di San Carlo in Naples, one of Italy's oldest and most historic theaters. Recent triumphs include his La Scala debut with *Attila* in a new production by Gabriele Lavia and his leadership of Puccini's rarely performed *La fanciulla del West* at the Metropolitan Opera in December of 2010. In conjunction with these 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary performances Luisotti was awarded the Premio Puccini Award.

In his third season as Music Director of San Francisco Opera, Luisotti will conduct *Turandot*, *Carmen*, *Don Giovanni*, and *Attila*. His operatic engagements for the 2011-2012 Season also include a return visit to La Scala for *Tosca* and appearances with Teatro di San Carlo in the rarely performed Verdi opera, *I Masnadieri*. Information on future plans with Teatro di San Carlo will be announced in the Spring of 2012. Critically acclaimed for his orchestral conducting, Luisotti will also make appearances with six great orchestras this season including San Francisco Opera Orchestra presented by Cal Performances, the Berliner Philharmoniker, Orchestra del Teatro di San Carlo in Naples, Madrid's Orquesta Nacional de España and the orchestras of Cleveland and Philadelphia.

He has garnered enthusiastic praise from both audiences and critics for his work at Royal Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, Paris Opera, Vienna State Opera, Genoa's Teatro Carlo Felice, Venice's Teatro La Fenice, Munich's Bavarian State Opera, Frankfurt Opera, Stuttgart State Opera, Madrid's Teatro Real, Los Angeles Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Seattle Opera, Bologna's Teatro Comunale, Teatro San Carlo in Naples, and Tokyo's Suntory Hall.

The Italian conductor has also led many of the world's most acclaimed orchestral ensembles, including the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Frankfurt's Alte Oper, Atlanta Symphony, Bavarian Radio Orchestra, Berliner Philharmoniker, Budapest Radio Orchestra, Filarmonica della Scala, Hamburger Philharmonic, Hessischer Rundfunk

Orchestra, London Philharmonia, NHK Symphony, Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della RAI, Russian National Orchestra, Dresden Staatskapelle, San Francisco Symphony, Tokyo Symphony, and Zagreb Philharmonic. Luisotti led special concerts in Beijing in conjunction with the 2008 Olympic Games.

Maestro Luisotti's discography includes a complete recording of *Stiffelio* (Dynamic), the critically acclaimed *Duets* (Deutsche Grammophon) and he is on the podium for the DVD recording of the Met's *La bohème* (EMI).

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