

JOSE LUIS GOMEZ, conductor

The young Venezuelan-born, Spanish conductor **JOSE LUIS GOMEZ** was catapulted to international attention when he captured the First Prize at the 5th International Sir Georg Solti Conductor's Competition in Frankfurt in September, 2010 by a sensational and rare unanimous decision of the jury.

Gomez' electrifying energy, talent, and creativity earned him immediate acclaim from the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra - where he was appointed to the position of Assistant Conductor - a post newly created specifically for him by Paavo Jarvi and the orchestra directly upon the conclusion of the competition.

His showing in the Solti Competition also won him an immediate invitation to conduct La Boheme at the Oper Frankfurt in 2012 as well.

Maestro Gomez' apprenticeship under conductors Lu Jia, Muhai Tang, and John Nelson paved the way for his sudden emergence as a conductor of major importance; and his experience as Assistant Concertmaster of the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, as member of the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, and as a regular member of the Berlin Philharmonic chamber ensembles, has garnered him praise from the great conductors of the world.

From the age of 11, Gomez was Concertmaster of the Youth Orchestra of Zulia State - part of the El Sistema de Orquestas Juveniles de Venezuela - following which he earned his degree in music and violin from the Maracaibo Music Conservatory and pursued graduate studies at the Manhattan School of Music in New York.

Maestro Gomez has conducted as part of the Besancon International Conducting Competition and has lead the Castille y Leon Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestra of the Pescara Conservatory, and the Ensemble Stravinsky.

This season, Gomez leads performances of Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" in the Lombardia region of Italy through the ASLICO Opera association and he leads concert performances with the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Shanghai Philharmonic, the Macao Symphony Orchestra and the Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the 2011-12 season, Mr Gomez will make his subscription debut concerts with the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, debut appearances with the Frankfurt Opera, and will lead a tour with the Orquesta Sinfonica del Valles of Catalunya, Spain among others.

Maestro Gomez is fluent in Italian, Spanish, English and French and is an avid devotee of languages.