

## **STEVEN MERCURIO – CONDUCTOR**

Maestro Steven Mercurio is an internationally acclaimed conductor and composer whose musical versatility encompasses the symphonic and operatic worlds. Maestro Mercurio is also a sought after collaborator for many award winning recordings, arrangements and film projects.

For the stage, he has conducted more than forty-five different operas in six different languages. His engagements have taken him to many of the world's best loved opera houses including the Teatro dell'Opera, Roma; Teatro Bellini, Catania; Teatro Filarmonico, Verona; Teatro Reggino, Torino; Theatre de la Monnaie in Brussels, Bonn Opera, Teatro Massimo, Palermo, English National Opera as well as the American opera companies of San Francisco, Washington, Philadelphia, Seattle, Detroit, Opera Pacific, Florida Grand, Pittsburgh and Dallas.

In addition to Maestro Mercurio's operatic repertoire, his symphonic appearances have included; the London Philharmonia, London Philharmonic, London Sinfonietta, Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Luxembourg, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Sacramento and San Diego Symphony Orchestras in addition to his own Spoleto Festival Orchestra,

Maestro Mercurio has conducted opera and symphonic pieces for several telecasts including the "Christmas in Vienna" series with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra for Sony Classical highlighted by the 1999 concert featuring "The Three Tenors." He also conducted the now classic, PBS broadcast special "American Dream – Andrea Bocelli's Statue of Liberty concert" with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Also for PBS, Maestro Mercurio led the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Richard Tucker Opera Gala with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. Internationally, Maestro Mercurio conducted the RAI (Italian) television broadcast of "La Boheme" from Cagliari, the Spoleto Festival performances of Berlioz's "Requiem," Scriabin's "Prometheus," Mahler's "Second Symphony," and an evening featuring the music of Chick Corea and Mozart with the Youth Orchestra of Santa Cecilia.

Maestro Mercurio's symphonic recordings include the Grammy winning, "Chick Corea – Concerto" with the London Philharmonic, "Fanfare for the Volunteer" with Mark O'Connor also with the London Philharmonic, Richard Einhorn's cantata, "Voices of Light," with the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic and Choir, Leo Brouwer's "Concerto de Toronto" featuring guitarist John Williams and the London Sinfonietta, and "Storyteller," featuring the compositions of Wynton Marsalis, Patrick Doyle and Edgar Meyer with the St. Luke's Chamber Orchestra.

Maestro Mercurio conducted the United States premiere of Zemlinsky's "Der Zwerg," for the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, and recently recorded Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" at the Teatro de la Maestranza in Seville. For the Spoleto Festival in Italy, he performed Menotti's opera, "Goya" (recorded for Nuova Era), Puccini's "Il Trittico," Berg's

“Wozzeck,” Korngold’s “Die Tote Stadt,” Shostakovich’s “The Nose” and John Corigliano’s “Symphony No.1.” Among his accomplishments was the highly acclaimed Italian premiere of the complete version of Zemlinsky’s “Der Zwerg,” for the Teatro dell’Opera in Rome, the Italian premiere of Andre Previn’s, “Streetcar Named Desire,” in Torino and the Italian premiere of Kurt Weill’s “Lady in the Dark” in Palermo and Rome. He conducted a new production of Verdi’s “La Traviata” for the Staatsoper Bonn, and London’s English National Opera, Puccini’s “La Boheme and Offenbach’s “Les Contes d’Hoffman” for the San Francisco Opera.

As a composer, Maestro Mercurio’s compositions include songs, chamber works, and pieces for large orchestra. “For Lost Loved Ones,” was given its world premiere by Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. His most recent composition, “Mercurial Overture,” was given its world premiere by the Oslo Philharmonic in a concert telecast honoring the Nobel Peace Prize winners with Maestro Mercurio conducting.

Maestro Mercurio has written arrangements for a wide array of artists including Andrea Bocelli, Placido Domingo, Ben Heppner, Bryn Terfel, Marcello Giordani and Secret Garden.

## OPERA REPERTOIRE

Barber	Vanessa	Dallas Opera	New Production; Michael Kahn, Director
Berg	Wozzeck	Spoletto Festival	New Production; Gunter Kramer, Director
Bizet	Carmen	Opera Company of Philadelphia	New Production; Bliss Hebert, Director Graves, Cole
Donizetti	L'Elisir D'Amore	Michigan Opera Theater	Cole, Williams, Martinez, Sirigusa
Dvorak	Rusalka	Opera Company of Philadelphia	New Production; Gray Veredon, Director, Hepner, Putnam
Giordano	Andrea Chénier	Seattle Opera	Hepner, Soviero,
	Fedora	Teatro Dell'Opera Roma	Domingo, Dessi
Gounod	Roméo et Juliette	Opera Company of Philadelphia	Leech, Hong
Leoncavallo	Pagliacci	Opera Company of Philadelphia	Silvester, Galliardo-Domas
Korngold	Die Tote Stadt	Opera Spoleto Festival Italy	Delamboye, Wassen
Mascagni	Cavalleria Rusticana L'Amico Fritz	Opera Company of Philadelphia Teatro Filamonic, Verona	Evestatieva, Braswell Bocelli, Gasdia
Massenet	Werther	Michigan Opera Theater	Bocelli, Graves
Menotti	Amelia al Ballo	Opéra de Monte Carlo	New Production; Mario Corradi, Director
	Goya	Spoletto Festival	New Production; Gian Carlo Menotti, Director
	The Saint of Bleecker Street	Opera Company of Philadelphia Washington Opera	Menotti, Director Terleckyj, Director
		Fort Lauderdale Opera	Terleckyj, Director
Mozart	Le Nozze di Figaro Don Giovanni	Opera Company of Philadelphia Michigan Opera Theater	Morris, Diaz Quilico
Offenbach	Les Contes d' Hoffman	San Francisco Opera	New Production Christopher Alden, Director Ramey, Hadley, Racette, Dahl
Previn	A Streetcar Named Desire	Teatro Reggion Torino	Haveman, Turner

Puccini	La Boheme	Opera Pacific	New Production; Hernandez, Zambales
	La Boheme	Michigan Opera Theater	Grollo, Padaei
		San Francisco Opera	New Production; Mark Lemos, Director Giordani, Racette, Mills, Aronica
		Teatro Lirico Cagliari	Television RAI UNO ITALIA Bocelli, Dessi, Kabaivanska, Ballo
	Madama Butterfly	Michigan Opera Theater	Syn, Grollo
		Torre Del Lago	Bocelli, Ionata
	Manon Lescaut	Teatro de La Maestranza	Dessi, Armigliato
Il Trittico	Spoletto Festival	New Production; Gian Carlo Menotti, Director	
Tosca	Opera Company of Philadelphia Michigan Opera Theater	Soviero, Gavanelli, Sirianni, Giordano, Diaz, Lister	
		Michigan Opera Theater	Guleghina, Cowen
	Turandot	Opera Company of Philadelphia	Marc, Mauro
Puccini/Alfano/ Mercurio Finale	Washington Opera	New Production; Lotfi Mansouri, Director Marton, Bartolini	
	Michigan Opera Theater	Marc, Margeson	
	Opera Company of Philadelphia	New Production; Gray Veredon, Director Antonacci, Pliska	
Rossini	La Gazza Ladra	Opera Company of Philadelphia	New Production; Gray Veredon, Director Antonacci, Pliska
	Ermione	Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie	Concert Version Miricioiu, Merrit, Ford, Olsen
	L'Italiana In Algeri	Teatro Massimo, Palermo	
		Concertgebouw (Amsterdam)	Miricioiu, Merrit, Ford, Olsen
	La Cenerentola	Washington Opera	Ganassi
Il Viaggio a Reims	Wolf Trap Opera Company	New Production Christopher Mataliano	

Shostakovich	The Nose	Spoletto Festival	New Production; Roman Terleckyj, Director
Tchaikovsky	Eugene Onegin	Opera Company of Philadelphia Michigan Opera Theater	Quilico, Filipova Dimitriev, Vrsilieva, Black, Mills
Verdi	Otello	Florida Grand Opera	Bogachou, Fink
		Opera Pacifica	Atlantov, Esperian, McFarland
		Michigan Opera Theater	Galusine
	Rigoletto	Opera Company of Philadelphia	Miricioiu, Giordani, Tumajain
		Minnesota Orchestra	Concert Version Noble, Swenson
		Opera Pacific	Fu, Shin
		Michigan Opera Theatre	Rucker, Jo
	Macbeth	Teatro Lirico, Cagliari	Valyre
	La Traviata	Opera Company of Philadelphia	Miricioiu, Giordani, Fu
		Oper der Stadt Bonn	Vitale, Reese-Davis, Mohr
Opera Pacific		Fabricini, Aronica, Fu, Galliardo- Domas Grishko	
San Francisco Opera		Villeroelle, Aronica,	
		English National Opera	New Production; Jonathan Miller, Director
Weill	Un Ballo in Maschera	Pittsburgh Opera	Leech, Johnson
	Aida	Michigan Opera Theater	
	I Vespi Siciliani	Sicilia	
	Lady In The Dark	Teatro Massimo, Palermo (Italian Premiere)	Kabaivanska, Quilico, Sims, Ledbetter
		Teatro Dell'Opera, Roma	
Zemlinsky	The Birthday of the Infanta (Der Zwerg)	Spoletto Festival USA	New Production; American Premiere Brubaker, Dunleavy, Plete
		Rome Opera	Italian Premiere Brubaker, Dunleavy, Plete

## SYMPHONIC REPERTOIRE

In addition to the standard classical repertoire, (Brahms, Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn) and a variety of overtures, other highlights of the symphonic repertoire include:

Antille	Jazz Symphony
Barber	Capricorn Concerto
Berlioz	Requiem (Televised, RAI TV, Italy) Benvenuto Cellini, Overture Symphonie Fantastique, Lelio, Luxembourg Philharmonic Lelio
Biber	La Battaglia
Britten,	Les Illuminations
Brouwer	Concerto Toronto for Guitar and Orchestra (Sony CD)
Bruch,	Concerto for Clarinet and Viola
Bruckner	Te Deum
Copland	Appalachian Spring Billy The Kid
Corigliano	Symphony No. 1
Debussy	Prelude a l'Apres-midi d'un Faune
De Falla	El Amor Brujo
Del Tredici	Haddocks Eyes (music theatre group production) Vintage Alice In Memory of a Summer's Day
Delius	On hearing the first Cuckoo in Spring
Dvorak	Symphony No. 9 (New World) Serenade for Strings Concerto for Cello
Einhorn	Joan of Arc (Sony CD)
Faure	Requiem
Gershwin	An American in Paris Rhapsody in Blue, original chamber version and large orchestral version
Ives	Decoration Day
Mahler	Symphony No. 2 (Televised, RAI TV, Italy) Adagio, 10th Symphony
Menotti	Apocalypse Sebastian Fantasia for Cello and Orchestra Death of the Bishop of Brindisi
Messiaen	Trois Petites Liturgies de la Presence Divine Oiseaux Exotique
Milhaud	La Creation du Monde
Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto #3
Ravel	Daphnis and Chloe Suite La Valse Valses Nobles et Sentimentales Introduction and Allegro Pavane pour une Infante Defunte
Respighi	Gli Uccelli Trittico Botticelliano
Rimsky Korsakov	Sheherezade

Saint-Saens	Concerto for Cello
Schoenberg	Verklaerte Nacht
Scriabin	Symphony No. 5 ("Prometheus") (Televised, RAI TV, Italy)
Shostakovich	Concerto for Piano and Trumpet
Sibelius	Concerto for Violin
Strauss	Also Sprach Zarathustra
Stravinsky	Pulcinella
	Firebird (original version)
Tchaikovsky	Concerto for Violin
	Concerto for Piano
	Francesca da Rimini
	Capriccio Italiano
Varèse	Integrales
Wagner	Prelude and Liebestod

## **BALLET REPERTOIRE**

Del Tredici, "In Memory of a Summer's Day", National Ballet of Canada

Ravel, "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales" and "La Valse", Georges Balanchine, choreographer, les Ballets de Monte Carlo

Stravinsky "Firebird" - Luxembourg Philharmonique

Menotti "Sebastian" - Spoleto festival, Italy.

## **FIM REPERTOIRE**

Pet Sematary

Heat

Batman and Robin

Sphere

Hilary and Jackie

Titus

Frida  
(Academy Award Winner 2003)

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