

anna rakitina

conductor



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Anna Rakitina is a promising young conductor from Moscow, second-prize winner of the Malko competition in Copenhagen (2018), third-prize winner of the “Deutscher Dirigentenpreis” competition in Cologne (2017) and third-prize winner of the TCO International Conducting Competition in Taipei (Taiwan, 2015).

Anna conducted such orchestras as WDR Sinfonieorchester, Gürzenich-Orchester Köln, Frankfurter Opern- und

Museumsorchester, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Lucerne Festival Strings, Bucharest George Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra, Lucerne Festival academy orchestra, Symphoniker Hamburg, Meininger Hofkapelle, The National Philharmonic Orchestra of Russia, Concert Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Taipei Symphony Orchestra, National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, Royal Northern College of Music chamber orchestra and others.

Anna was born in Moscow. She began her career as violin player, has studied conducting at Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory in class of associate professor Stanislav Diachenko (assistant of Prof. Gennadiy Rozhdestvensky). From 2016 to 2018 she studied conducting in Hamburg Hochschule fur Musik und Theater (Prof. Ulrich Windfuhr). In 2016 as a participant of Lucerne Academy she took part in the masterclass by Alan Gilbert. The year later, 2017, she was Bernard Haitink's apprentice in his masterclass at Lucerne. Also she participated in masterclasses by Gennadiy Rozhdestvensky, Vladimir Jurowski and Johannes Schlaefli. In June 2018 she became a finalist of Workshop with Critical Orchestra in Berlin. During her studies Anna conducted the stage performances of "Eugene Onegin" and "Iolanta" by Tchaikovsky, "Aleko" by Rachmaninov, "The Rape of Lucretia" by Britten and others. Also Anna wrote PhD thesis work about Rachmaninov.

Anna was a guest conductor of Taiwan National Orchestra in 2017 and Moscow State Symphony Orchestra in 2018. In addition she became a fellow at the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Russia. Together with conductor Sergei Akimov Anna founded the chamber orchestra "Affrettando" that became already well known in Moscow as a group of highly professional musicians, which always performs interesting programs.

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