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Vytautas Lukocius, Conductor



Biography

Vytautas Lukočius, winner of two international conducting competitions, was born in 1975. He was graduated from M.K. Čiurlionis Art Gymnasium in 1993 with two specializations in piano and choir conducting. After that he began studies at Lithuanian Academy of Music. In 1999 he graduated with a master's as a piano-soloist (Prof. J.Karnavičius), and in 2000 as an orchestra conductor (Prof. G.Rinkevičius). In 1999 V. Lukočius entered conducting class in the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, earning a diploma in 2002. His teachers where: Prof. Leif Segerstam, Jorma Panula and Atso Almila. In 2003 he did post-graduate studies at Lithuanian Academy of Music.

In the 2006 III Jorma Panula international conducting competition (Finland) he was the first prize winner. In 2009 IV Eduardo Mata international conducting competition in México city he got first prize. He became a second prize winner in the competition for young conductors, which took place in Vilnius in 1991. In 1998 he took part in a competition for vocal accompanists in Vilnius and won first prize.

From 2000 to 2004 he was assistant chief conductor at Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra. From 2004-2006 he was conductor of the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra. Since 2009 he has been the chief conductor at Klaipėda music theater.



At the Lithuanian Opera and Ballet Theater he performed B. Britten's opera – “Let's make an Opera”. With the Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra he participated as assistant conductor in opera productions: G.Verdi, “Un ballo in maschera”, Aida “Otello”, Simon Boccanegra “La Traviata”, R.Wagner “Parsifal”, R.Leoncovallo “Pagliacci”. In Vaasa Theater he conducted G.Verdi “Aida”, and in Kotka theater P. Abraham's operetta “Viktoria und Ihr Husar”. He conducted performances with Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, Lithuanian National Orchestra, Lithuanian State symphony orchestra, Lithuanian National Opera, St.Christopher chamber orchestra, Kaunas symphony orchestra, Helsinki philharmonic orchestra, Turku, Oulu and Lahti symphony orchestras, Oslo radio orchestra, Kristiansand symphony orchestra, Trondheim symphony and soloists, Lappeenranta city orchestra, Sibelius Academy symphony orchestra, Kymi sinfonietta and Pori sinfonietta, Olsztyn philharmonics (Poland).

He had concerts with the following soloists: Martin Fröst, Gidon Kremer, Violeta Urmana, Alexander Paley, Antti Siirala, Arabella Steinbacher, Truls Mork, Mike Svoboda, Raimo Sirkia, Hannu Jurmu, Oscar Marin, Nomedas Kazlauskas, Jyrki Anttila, Seppo Ruohonen, Momo Kadama, Mika Pohjonen, Kalev Kuljus, Bart Schneemann, Atle Sponberg, Lilli Paasikivi, Olga Kondina, Kaisa Ranta, Igor Lazko, Tamaki Kawakubo, Vardan Mamikonyan, Denis Shapovalov, Jukka Perko, Pedro Carneiro, Tine Thing Helseth, Virgilijus Noreika, Irena Milkevičiūtė, Liora Grodnikaite, Algirdas Janušas, Inesa Linaburgytė, Petras Geniušas, Edgaras Montvidas ... etc.