

Biography

Daniele Gatti



Daniele Gatti graduated as a composer and orchestra conductor at the Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi in Milan. He is Music Director of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma and he holds the same position at the Orchestra Mozart. He is also Artistic Advisor of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra (MCO).

He was Chief Conductor of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (RCO) in Amsterdam and he previously held prestigious roles at important musical institutions like the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orchestre National de France, the Royal Opera House of London, the Teatro Comunale di Bologna, and Zurich's Opernhaus.

The Berliner Philharmoniker, the Wiener Philharmoniker, the Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, and the Orchestra Filarmonica della Scala are just a few of the renowned symphonic institutions he works with.

Some of the numerous and important new productions he has conducted include the *Falstaff* staged by Robert Carsen (in London, Milan, and Amsterdam); the *Parsifal* staged by Stefan Herheim opening the 2008 Bayreuther Festspiele (one of the very few Italian conductors to have been invited to the Wagnerian festival); the *Parsifal* staged by François Girard at the Metropolitan Opera in New York; four operas at the Salzburger Festspiele (*Elektra*, *La bohème*, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, *Il Trovatore*).

To celebrate Verdi's anniversary, in 2013 he conducted *La Traviata* at the season opening of the Teatro alla Scala, where he also opened the 2008 season with *Don Carlo*, and performed other titles including *Lohengrin*, *Lulu*, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, *Falstaff*, and *Wozzeck*.

More recent engagements include *Pelléas et Mélisande* at the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, *Tristan und Isolde* at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris, and the 2016/2017 opening of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma where he conducted the same Wagnerian opera.

The year 2016 saw the beginning of a three-year concert cycle named "RCO meets Europe", that involved 28 member states of the European Union and it included the project "Side by Side", a project allowing musicians from local youth orchestras to perform the first musical number of the program next to the members of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Maestro Gatti, thus fostering an incredibly fruitful human and musical exchange. The Italian appointment took place in Turin at the Auditorium of the Lingotto building. In June 2017 he conducted the RCO in an opera production: *Salome* at the Nationale Opera of Amsterdam.

The 2017/2018 Season saw him conducting the Berliner Philharmoniker at the Philharmonie Berlin, the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro alla Scala in Milan interpreting Mahler's Second Symphony,

the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Europe, South Korea, Japan, and at the Carnegie Hall in New York, all being side events to Amsterdam's traditional season. Other engagements included the opening of the new season of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma with *La Damnation de Faust*, a tour with the Mahler Chamber Orchestra, and several more performances with the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome, the Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks in Munich, and the Philharmonia Orchestra in London. At the end of 2018 he conducted *Rigoletto* for the season opening of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma.

His 2019 appointments were: concerts on the podium of the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, the Filarmonica della Scala, the Orchestra del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, the Staatskapelle Dresden, the Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, the Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, and the opening of the new season of the Opera di Roma conducting *Les Vêpres Siciliennes*.

Among the past and future 2020 engagements are: *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* at the Opera di Roma, concerts with the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della Rai, the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro di San Carlo di Napoli, the Orchestre National de France, the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino; Roman appointments with the Teatro dell'Opera include the concert at the Quirinale gardens broadcasted live on Rai1 and *Rigoletto* at the Circo Massimo. Next January 2021 he will be back at the Berlin Philharmonie conducting the Berliner Philharmoniker, and then he will be on the podium again of the Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester and the Münchner Philharmoniker.

Daniele Gatti was awarded the Premio "Franco Abbiati" from Italian music critics as best conductor in 2015, and in 2016 he was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur from the French Republic for his work as Musical Director of the Orchestre National de France.

Under Sony Classical he has recorded works by Debussy and Stravinsky with the Orchestre National de France, and a DVD of Wagner's *Parsifal* staged at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Under the label RCO Live he has recorded Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Mahler's First, Second and Fourth Symphonies, a DVD of Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps* together with Debussy's *Prélude à l'Après-midi d'un Faune* and *La Mer*, a DVD of Strauss's *Salome* performed at the Dutch National Opera, a CD of Bruckner's Symphony n. 9 together with the *Prelude* and the *Karfreitagszauber* (Good Friday Music) from Wagner's *Parsifal*. In November 2019 a DVD of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, staged at the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, was released by C Major.