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Hong Kong Philharmonic announces appointment of Jing WANG as Concertmaster for the 2013/14 Season

[8 April 2013, Hong Kong] Jing Wang has been appointed to the position of Concertmaster for the 2013/14 season – the **Hong Kong Philharmonic's** 40th as a professional orchestra – at the invitation of Maestro Jaap van Zweden, to succeed the outgoing concertmaster Igor Yuzefovich.

Born in Guilin, China, Jing Wang began playing the violin at the age of three; he made his first public appearance three years later in Marseilles, France and his concerto début aged nine with the Quebec Symphony Orchestra, Canada. Recipient of many prizes including the Irving M. Klein International Competition (First Prize – 2007) he was also awarded the "Young Soloist of the Year" (2003) by Les Radios Francophones Publiques, a broadcast network of four countries including France, Canada, Switzerland and Belgium. This award sponsored the release of his first CD album with works by Beethoven, Ravel and Gershwin.

Based in Dallas from the 2010/11 concert season, Jing Wang currently holds the position of Concertmaster with the Dallas Opera. He studied at the Juilliard School as a Joseph Fuchs Scholar and completed post-graduate studies at the Shepherd School of Music (Rice University). He plays a 1700 violin by Giovanni Tononi on loan from the Canada Council of Arts Rare Strings International Collection.

"I would like to thank Igor for all his good work with the HK Phil. Knowing Jing Wang's playing in Dallas, I know he will be the perfect fit for the HK Phil," said Maestro Jaap van Zweden.

Media Photos of Jing Wang [Click the thumbnails to download press images]



For further information and a full biography of Jing Wang, please visit:

http://download.hkphil.org/files/press/1213/New_Concertmaster/Bio_Jing_Wang_E2.pdf

Hong Kong Philharmonic

The Hong Kong Philharmonic is a cultural centre-piece of Asia's World City and is a highly versatile and acclaimed ensemble. The HK Phil will celebrate its 40th professional season in 2013/14, but its roots are well over a century old. Boasting members from every corner of the globe and a strong core of Hong Kong musicians, the HK Phil is considered one of the leading orchestras in Asia.

Alongside regular concerts in Hong Kong and its substantial education and outreach activities, the orchestra has commenced an ambitious series of new projects, with major international tours, large-scale concert events and recording projects.

Jaap van Zweden

Jaap van Zweden is one of the most sought-after conductors in the world. He became Music Director of the HK Phil in 2012, the same year he won *Musical America's* 'Conductor of the Year' award. He is also Music Director of the Dallas Symphony, and regularly conducts the world's most prestigious orchestras to universal acclaim.

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