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## **New Zealand conductor Tecwyn Evans has been appointed Director of Music for Danish National Opera.**

Tecwyn Evans has previously held positions at Glyndebourne Festival Opera as Chorus Master (1999-2002) and Oper Graz as Deputy Chief Conductor (2009-2011) and takes up this new part-time position in June 2018.

Danish National Opera (Den Jyske Opera) is based in Aarhus and is Denmark's national touring opera company. Supported by the Ministry of Culture and Aarhus Municipality, the company has been presenting professional opera productions since 1947. The company has 60 employees including a full-time chorus, administration, technical and costume department. On tour the company performs at a wide variety of venues including The Royal Danish Theatre in Copenhagen. Accompanying the operas on tour are the five national orchestras: Aarhus Symphony Orchestra, Aalborg Symphony Orchestra, Sønderjyllands Symphony Orchestra, Odense Symphony Orchestra and the Copenhagen Philharmonic.



Tecwyn has previously conducted Danish National Opera in 2017 as part of their *70th Anniversary Tour* and in 2016 during their season of *Madama Butterfly*. He is currently conducting Danish National Opera's touring production of *La Traviata*.

This position as Director of Music will see Tecwyn conducting concerts and opera productions in most seasons, taking artistic leadership of the company's in-house ensemble the Chorus of

Danish National Opera, and overseeing the company's musical productivity in liaison with the Artistic Director and General Manager of Danish National Opera, Philipp Kochheim.

***"Having first looked for a chorus master only, I am extremely happy to have found Tecwyn Evans, who is not only taking very good care of the artistic development of our chorus, but is also a wonderful conductor, a great voice expert and – a rare virtue among today's conductors – a master of balance between orchestra pit and singers, which is so essential to the art of opera."*** Philipp Kochheim, Artistic Director and General Manager, Danish National Opera.

Tecwyn was born in Auckland, NZ, trained at the University of Otago, under Jack Spiers, and the University of Kansas with Brian Priestman and Simon Carrington.

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Best regards  
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