



MAESTRO BORIS BROTT

Boris Brott is one of the most internationally-recognized Canadian conductors, holding major posts as music director in Canada and the United States. He enjoys an international career as guest conductor, educator, motivational speaker and cultural ambassador and has a particular commitment to the development of new audiences and young artists. In Canada, he has developed no less than six Canadian Orchestras and has served as Assistant Conductor to the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein, and as Music Director and Conductor for the Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, and Northern Sinfonia, and the BBC Welsh Symphony. In 2000, he conducted Bernstein's Mass, for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Mr. Brott founded the Brott Music Festival in 1988 and the National Academy Orchestra in 1989. He is also Conductor and Music Director of the New West Symphony as well as Music Director of the McGill Chamber Orchestra in Montreal. He is Principal Youth and Family Conductor of the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa. In 1987, Mr. Brott was awarded Officer of the Order of Canada. May 2006, Boris was voted one of the top five *Greatest Hamiltonians of All Time* by Hamilton Spectator readers. In February 2007, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Tourism Hamilton, and is also the recipient of the 2007 National Child Day Award for his work in introducing classical music to nearly 2 million children in the course of his career.

Brott continues to perform regularly in Italy. He has recently been appointed as the Principal Guest Conductor for one of Italy's major opera houses, the famed Teatro Petruzzelli in Bari where he has conducted productions of *La Traviata* and *Madama Butterfly* as well as symphonic concerts including Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Ligeti. In Trieste he conducts regularly at the opera house Teatro Verdi with both opera and symphonic repertoire. In 2011 he conducted *Samson and Delilah* and this January conducts seven performances of Donizetti's *Anna Bolena* and in February conducts their production of Verdi's *La Battaglia Di Legnano*. In the summer of 2012 he will conduct 13 performances of *Carmen* at the world famous Irina di Verona.