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JIHOON KIM - Bass

Korean bass Jihoon Kim studied at the Seoul National University and the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory in Milan, where he graduated in 2 years with top grades and summa cum laude. He joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden in 2011, becoming a Jette Parker Principal in Season 2013/14 and a Principal of The Royal Opera in Season 2014/15. He has appeared in over 200 performances and has had considerable success in many International Competitions.

This introduced the singer, who was for me the star of the evening, the South Korean bass Jihoon Kim, again a former Covent Garden Young Artist who is now becoming a star across the world. His voice is sensational, deep dark and powerful; it doesn't seem possible that such power can come from such a slight frame....but my favourite of the evening was his solo performance of "ella giammai m'amo" (she doesn't love me). This was one of my father's favourite arias. I remember taking him to the farewell concert of the great Bulgarian bass Boris Christoff, who was then 75 and didn't sing this quite demanding aria in his concert but sang the first few lines for my father when we went to see him at the stage door! Kim is in my opinion fit to be compared to Christoff and I predict he will become a great star.

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Roles:

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA: Don Basilio ~ Israeli Opera; Opera Holland Park

LA BOHEME: Colline ~ ROH Covent Garden; Welsh National Opera

DON CARLO: Monk ~ Grange Park Opera

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ERNANI: Silva ~ Queen Elizabeth Hall London

LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST: Ashby ~ Grange Park Opera

LE ROI DE LAHORE: Timour ~ Queen Elizabeth Hall London

SAMSON ET DALILA: Old Hebrew ~ Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia Valencia

SIMON BOCCANEGRA: Pietro ~ ROH Covent Garden, Israeli Opera

LA TRAVIATA: Il Dottore ~ ROH Covent Garden

IL TROVATORE: Ferrando ~ Cadogan Hall

TOSCA: Angelotti ~ Grange Park Opera

TURANDOT: Timur ~ Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra

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VERDI COLLECTION ~ Scottish Opera at Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow & Edinburgh

DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE: Sarastro ~ Longborough Festival Opera, Welsh National Opera

Outstanding Concerts include:

Beethoven SYMPHONY NO. 9 London Philharmonic Orchestra & Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra; **Haydn NELSON MASS** Hallé Orchestra; **Mozart REQUIEM MASS** Il Duomo di Milano; **Rossini PETITE MESSE SOLONELLE** Accademia di Santa Cecilia at the Vatican; **Verdi MESSA DA REQUIEM** in France, Italy and Spain

Conductors and directors with whom he has collaborated include:

Maurizio Benini, Mark Elder, Dan Ettinger, John Eliot Gardiner, Daniel Oren, Antonio Pappano, Donato Renzetti, Daniele Rustioni, Stuart Stratford.
John Copley, Stefan Herheim, Kasper Holten, David McVicar, Elijah Moshinsky, Laurent Pelly, David Pountney.

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