

BBC CARDIFF SINGER OF THE WORLD ROUND 1 WINNER ANNOUNCED

Oleksiy Palchykov, a 29 year old tenor from Ukraine was last night (Monday 15 June) chosen to perform in the final of BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2015.

Oleksiy Palchykov has won numerous awards at international competitions including the Prix Lyrique du Cercle Carpeaux and Priz Lyrique de L'AROP in 2014. He made his debut in 2008 singing Triquet/Lensky (Eugene Onegin) at the National Schevchenko Theatre. Highlights include touring Switzerland as Alfredo (La Traiata) with Kiev Musical Theater; playing three roles in The Nose at the 2011 Festival d'Aix-en-Provence and Opera de Lyon; Third Esquire (Parsifal) in Lyon and Shostakovich's Jewish Songs in Thessaloniki Symphony Orchestra. Oleksiy Palchykov joined the Atelier Lyrique of the Opéra national de Paris in 2012, where he performed Gernando (L'isola disabitata), Ecclitico (Il mondo della luna), Male Chorus (The Rape of Lucretia) and Don Ottavio (Don Giovanni). In 2015/16 he will perform Scaramouche (*Ariadne auf Naxos*) and Ruiz (*Il Trovatore*) at Opera national de Paris and Lensky at Garsington Opera in 2016.

Oleksiy is one of the 20 finalists who have travelled to Cardiff from across the globe, performing their own programmes of operatic and concert works throughout this week. The singers, who were whittled down from nearly 350 competitors go head to head against each other in four rounds for a place in the Grand Final where they will perform in front of the distinguished jury and enthusiastic audience at St David's Hall, Cardiff on Sunday, June 21. Judging the main prize is a panel comprising chairman and director of Welsh National Opera David Pountney, music director of The Norwegian Opera & Ballet John Fiore, Finnish soprano, and Cardiff Singer Alumna Soile Isokoski, American soprano Claron McFadden and Welsh operatic tenor Dennis O'Neill.

The four concerts will be broadcast on BBC Four presented by Petroc Trelawny and Angel Blue (Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Thursday 18, and Friday 19 June, 7.30pm). Evening highlights are presented by Tim Rhys-Evans with Josie D'Arby and Elin Manahan Thomas on BBC Two Wales at 10pm. And there is also further coverage daily on the BBC Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert with Iain Burnside, BBC Radio Wales with Welsh tenor Wynne Evans, Beverley Humphreys and Nicola Heywood Thomas and on BBC Radio Cymru's *Bore Cothi*, presented by Shân Cothi.

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