



## JOSEP PONS, director

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Regarded as the leading Spanish conductor of his generation, Josep Pons has built strong relationships with the Gewandhaus Orchester Leipzig, Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, The Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and BBC Symphony Orchestra - the latter including several appearances at the BBC Proms.

In addition to continuing these relationships, the 2016/17 season will see Pons return to City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, Deutsche Radio Philharmonie Saarbrücken, Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne. He will also debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra and Konzerthausorchester Berlin.

As Music Director of Gran Teatre del Liceu he conducts a number of productions in Barcelona each season, most recently *Così fan tutte*, *Benvenuto Cellini*, and *Siegfried* (as part of an ongoing cycle of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*). He also holds the position of Honorary Conductor of the Orquesta Nacional de España having previously served as their Artistic Director for nine years during which he substantially raised their international profile. He was Music Director of Orquesta Ciudad de Granada between 1994-2004.

Josep Pons' discography of over 50 CDs and DVDs, includes recordings of Falla and French repertoire regarded as benchmark interpretations and earning numerous awards. His recording of *Noches en los jardines de España* with Javier Perianes won a *Choc de la Musique*, 'Melancolía' with Patricia Petibon received a *Gramophone Editor's Choice*, and his collaboration with Tomatito earned him a Latin Grammy.

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