

***KAREL MARK CHICHON IS ELECTED FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC***

The Governing Body of the Royal Academy of Music in London, one of the elite music conservatoires in the world, has elected conductor Karel Mark Chichon (OBE) a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music (FRAM).

Under the Academy's Royal Charter of 1830, Fellowship is awarded to those musicians who have distinguished themselves within the profession or have rendered distinguished service to the institution. Other recipients of the FRAM include Sir Henry Wood, Dame Felicity Lott and Sir Simon Rattle.

Karel will receive this honour from Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester on 12th July in London. Famous news presenter John Suchet, the Academy's Orator, will read the citation for Karel during the ceremony.

Karel continues in New York until April where he is enjoying a critically acclaimed run of performances of Madama Butterfly at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.