

CONDUCTOR BENJAMIN HAEMHOUTS SIGNS WITH PLMF ARTS MANAGEMENT

The international management agency led by Leelo Lehta has signed the Artistic Director of CASCO Phil - the Chamber Orchestra of Belgium to general management, thus assuring one of the most innovative conductors on the European music scene new opportunities in his career.

Tallinn, 18th January 2023. Today, what had been simmering for months, has been made official: the Belgian conductor Benjamin Haemhouts has signed with PLMF Arts Management (PAM). Leelo Lehtla, Director of PAM, pointed out as one of the first priorities to raise his visibility in the Benelux area but also stated that they are already working on projects in other parts of Europe and beyond.

Benjamin Haemhouts, former principal trombonist of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, is currently the Artistic Director of the Chamber Orchestra of Belgium, where he has been pushing limits and boundaries of a classical orchestra's fixed form since 2008. His creativity led him to the Antwerp Spring Festival where since 2019 he invites border breaking artists from various genres to show the many different faces of the harbor city of Antwerp. The innovative opera project "Lost and Found" is another of his recent creative successes with co-producers such as the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Opera Ballet Flanders, O. Festival Rotterdam, Europalia and the Muziektheater Transparant.

The forward looking mindset of Haemhouts has made him a pioneer of cultural entrepreneurship and alternative funding in Belgium, becoming one of the most charismatic and avant-garde conductors of their classical music scene. Exactly as the British conductor Jonathan Nott has described him: "A musical director with an amazing mixture of business acumen and social charm".

Given all this, PAM could not miss the opportunity to have a budding conductor such as Benjamin on its artist roster and to introduce him to new stages worldwide.

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