

## MICHELE PERTUSI, BOARD MEMBER

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2006 Grammy Award: Falstaff con la London Symphony Orchestra diretta da Colin Davis (LSO Live). One of Italy's most celebrated opera singers, bass Michele Pertusi has performed on leading opera stages around the world including the Paris Opera, the Wiener Staatsoper, ROH Covent Garden, Teatro alla Scala, Metropolitan Opera in New York, the Teatro Real in Madrid, the Bayerische Staatsoper, La Monnaie in Brussels, the Deutsche Opera in Berlin and at Pesaro's Rossini Festival. He has appeared with such renowned conductors as Daniel Barenboim, Riccardo Chailly, Semyon Bychkov, Colin Davis, Carlo Maria Giulini, James Levine, Zubin Mehta, Antonio Pappano and the late Georg Solti. Upcoming engagements feature appearances as Alidoro in La Cenerentola at the Vienna Staatsoper, Marcel in Les Huguenots at the Grand-Théâtre de Genève, Giorgio Talbot in Maria Stuarda at the Metropolitan Opera, Jacopo Fiesco in Simon Boccanegra, Basilio in The Barber of Seville at Savonlinna Opera Festival. Recent performances of note featured Filippo II in Don Carlo at the Teatro Real de Madrid, Roger in Jérusalem at ABAO Bilbao, and Jean Procida at the Teatro dell'opera di Roma. Michele Pertusi's extensive discography includes the Grammy Award-winning Falstaff with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Colin Davis (LSO Live), Messa Solenne, Stabat Mater, Cantata per Pio IX, Cenerentola and Il turco in Italia (Winner of a Gramophone Award) conducted by Riccardo Chailly, Don Giovanni and Così fan tutte with Sir Georg Solti (Decca), Le nozze di Figaro with Zubin Mehta (Sony), Semiramide and Maometto II (Ricordi), and Don Giovanni with Daniel Barenboim (Erato). Born in Parma, he studied with Arigo Pola, and Carlo Bergonzi, completing his studies with Rodolfo Celletti. In 1995 he received the International Franco Abbiati Prize, and recently received the Medaglia d'Oro from the President of Italy. In recognition of his long relationship with the Rossini Festival, he has also received the Rossini d'Oro Prize.