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Marco Guidarini, born in Genova, Italy, began studying orchestra conducting at the prestigious Hochschule für Musik. He was a student of Mario Gusella, earning his diploma, and took master classes with Franco Ferrara. He also received support and advice from Claudio Abbado and Carlo Maria Giulini. Early in his career, he was invited by the Opéra de Lyon to be John Eliot Gardiner's assistant, deepening his knowledge of the baroque repertoire.

He began his conducting career in **Lyon** with *Falstaff* and *Le Comte Ory*, and went on to conduct in **Opera Houses in the UK and Ireland,** focusing on **Mozart** and **Puccini**. His debut in **Canada** came with performances of *Don Pasquale* and *La Bohème* at the **Vancouver Opera**, followed by numerous productions in **Australia** (including *Tosca*, *Die Zauberflöte*, and *Così Fan Tutte*). He also conducted Verdi's *Requiem* with the **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra** in **2001**.

In **Germany**, he debuted with *II Barbiere di Siviglia* at the **Deutsche Oper Berlin** and the **Bayerische Staatsoper**. In Italy, he gained recognition with performances of *I Lombardi*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *La Bohème* at the **Teatro Comunale di Bologna** and *Macbeth* at the **Martina Franca Festival** (productions released by Dynamic). In the **USA**, he started his work in 1997 at the **Los Angeles Opera**, and later conducted *Rigoletto* at the **New York City Opera**.

His successful productions in **France** include *Nabucco* at the **Opéra de Nice-Côte d'Azur,** *Don Carlo* at the **Opéra de Marseille**, and *Aida* at the **Stade de France** with the **Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France**. In 2001, he conducted *Giovanna d'Arco* at the **Saint Denis Festival** and *Rigoletto* at the **Festival Les Chorégies d'Orange**.

Guidarini has collaborated with many prestigious orchestras, including the Orchestra del Teatro Carlo Felice di Genova, the Orchestra RAI di Roma, and internationally with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the SWF Symphony Orchestra of Baden-Baden. In 2002, he made his debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York with *Rigoletto*.

From 2001 to 2009, he was the music director of the Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice, focusing on 20th-century composers. He also founded the Ensemble Apostrophe, dedicated to contemporary music. In 2005, he conducted Verdi's *II Corsaro* at the Gran Teatre del Liceu and Mahler's 6th Symphony in Malaga. His productions of Wozzeck and Cyrano de Bergerac in 2006 were well-received, with the latter released by Deutsche Grammophon.

He was named a **Grande Ufficiale dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia** by the **Italian Republic** in 2006 and a **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** by the **French Ministry of Culture** in **2008**. In **2009**, he conducted *Simon Boccanegra* at the **Canadian Opera House** in **Toronto** and debuted at **Teatro alla Scala** with Donizetti's *Le Convenienze ed Inconvenienze Teatrali*.

In 2010, he recorded Edouard Lalo's violin and orchestra concerts and made his debut at the Teatro Colon de Buenos Aires. He founded the International Belcanto Competition Vincenzo Bellini, becoming its artistic director. His later work includes conducting // Trovatore at the Canadian Opera Company and recording Italian symphonic music with I Pomeriggi Musicali in Milan.

In **2012**, Guidarini returned to the **USA** to conduct *Don Pasquale* in **San Diego** and performed symphonic concerts in **Genova**, **Bilbao**, and **Milan**. His continued success in opera and symphonic repertoire has established him as a leading conductor of his generation.







