

## Juan Jesús Rodríguez;

## One of the World's Best Baritones

## "Best Male Voice" Tutto Verdi International Awards 2023

After more than 16 years of the ABAO Bilbao Opera's (Spain) Tutto Verdi Programme, in which all the composer's operas have been staged in all their versions, with the most significant singers of the

Verdi repertoire, the *Tutto Verdi International Awards* have been presented for the first time as a token of gratitude to the figure and work of Giuseppe Verdi.

It's a pleasure to announce that the Verdian baritone Juan Jesús Rodríguez has been awarded the *Tutto Verdi International Awards 2023* in the category of Best Male Voice "for his resounding success in the 4 operas of the composer in which he has participated and for being one of the best baritones in the world" according to the institution. Alongside him were also singers such as Leo Nucci, awarded for his Professional Career, mezzo-soprano Daniela Barcellona, stage directors Emilio Sagi and Pier Luigi Pizzi and musical director Riccardo Frizza.



Leo Nucci and Juan Jesús Rodríguez

According to the <u>most specialized critics</u>, Juan Jesús Rodríguez is considered one of the 10 most important Verdian voices of today. His successful career has taken him to temples of opera such as the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, Teatro San Carlo di Napoli, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, the Performing Arts of Beijing, Palau de les Arts Valencia and El Liceu de Barcelona, among others.

**The 2023 Awards Gala** took place on 17 April and was collected by the baritone who has just arrived from Marseille, where he has achieved great critical and public success with *Nabucco*. He will soon return to Bilbao for the performances of *Il Trovatore* and later to The Convent Garden for the ones of *La Traviata*, among other engagements.