THE MAGIC FLUTE

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

THE MAGIC FLUTE

CONDUCTOR
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PRODUCTION
Julie Taymor

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J. D. McClatchy

Libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder
Thursday, January 2, 2020
1:00–2:45 PM

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The 457th Metropolitan Opera performance of WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART’S **THE MAGIC FLUTE**

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**IN ORDER OF VOCAL APPEARANCE**

**TAMINO**  
Paul Groves*

**FIRST LADY**  
Gabriella Reyes**

**SECOND LADY**  
Megan Esther Grey**

**THIRD LADY**  
Renée Tatum*

**PAPAGENO**  
Will Liverman

**QUEEN OF THE NIGHT**  
Jeni Houser DEBUT

**SLAVES**  
Stephen Paynter  
Kurt Phinney  
Craig Montgomery

**MONOSTATOS**  
Rodell Rosel

**PAMINA**  
Ying Fang*

**SPIRITS**  
David Katzman  
Eliot Flowers  
N. Casey Schopflocher

**SPEAKER**  
Dwayne Croft*

**SARASTRO**  
Soloman Howard

**PRIESTS**  
Christopher Job  
Scott Scully

**PAPAGENA**  
Ashley Emerson*

**GUARDS**  
Arseny Yakovlev**  
Richard Bernstein

**SOLO DANCER**  
Maria Phegan

**FLUTE SOLO**  
Seth Morris

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*The Magic Flute is presented without intermission.*

Thursday, January 2, 2020, 1:00–2:45PM
A scene from Mozart’s The Magic Flute

Chorus Master Donald Palumbo
Musical Preparation Donna Racik, John Keenan, Lydia Brown*, and Liora Maurer
Assistant Stage Directors Sarah Ina Meyers and Gina Lapinski
Prompter Donna Racik
Met Titles Michael Panayos
Children’s Chorus Director Anthony Piccolo
Projection Designer Caterina Bertolotto
Makeup Designer Reiko Kruk
Associate Set Designer Iosef Yusupov
Associate Costume Designer Mary Peterson
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An Illustrated Synopsis of *The Magic Flute*

Prince Tamino is being chased by a giant serpent. After he collapses in fear, three ladies appear and slay the monster. They admire Tamino, then leave to tell their mistress, the Queen of the Night, about him.

Tamino wakes up and meets the birdcatcher Papageno, who boasts that he is the one who killed the monster.

The Queen of the Night appears and recruits Tamino to rescue her daughter, Pamina, who has been kidnapped by the evil sorcerer Sarastro. Tamino falls in love with Pamina even before meeting her.

The three ladies give a magic flute to Tamino and silver bells to Papageno to help them on their mission. They also appoint three wise spirits to guide them on their way.
Meanwhile, Pamina is being held in Sarastro’s temple. Monostatos, one of Sarastro’s minions, wants Pamina all to himself, but Papageno arrives just in time and scares him off.

Tamino learns that it is the Queen of the Night, not Sarastro, who is evil. Tamino meets up with Pamina and Papageno, but before they can escape together...

Sarastro enters. He is actually a good and just ruler, and he punishes Monostatos for his bad behavior and promises to set Pamina free. But first, Tamino must undergo a series of trials and tests.

Now on her own in Sarastro’s temple, Pamina is surprised when her mother, the Queen of the Night, appears. The Queen orders Pamina to kill Sarastro and gives her a dagger.
Tamino and Papageno begin their trials together, but Papageno soon becomes distracted. Tamino continues on with the help of the three spirits.

An old lady appears and flirts with Papageno, and although he would prefer a better match, he eventually agrees to be faithful to her. The old lady is suddenly transformed into the beautiful Papagena, but then disappears.

Tamino continues his trials with Pamina at his side. Together, they prevail over the tests of fire and water. Tamino's magic flute helps protect them.

The Queen of the Night, her three ladies, and Monostatos are defeated. Tamino and Pamina, Papageno and Papagena, and Sarastro, along with his whole court, celebrate the triumph of virtue.
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Magic Flute

Premiere: Freihaus-Theater auf der Wieden, Vienna, 1791

The Magic Flute is the Met’s abridged, English-language version of Mozart’s Die Zauberflöte, a sublime fairy tale that moves freely between earthy comedy and noble mysticism. Mozart wrote the opera for a theater located just outside Vienna with the clear intention of appealing to audiences from all walks of life. The story is told in a singspiel (“song-play”) format characterized by separate musical numbers connected by dialogue and stage activity—an excellent structure for navigating the diverse moods, ranging from solemn to lighthearted, of the story and score. The composer and the librettist were both Freemasons, the fraternal order whose membership is held together by shared moral and metaphysical ideals, and Masonic imagery is used throughout the work. The story, however, is as universal as any fairy tale.

The Creators

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) was the son of a Salzburg court musician and composer, Leopold, who was also his principal teacher and exhibited him as a musical prodigy throughout Europe. His achievements in opera, in terms of beauty, vocal challenge, and dramatic insight, remain unsurpassed, and his seven mature works of the genre are pillars of the repertory. He died tragically young, three months after the premiere of Die Zauberflöte, his last produced opera. (La Clemenza di Tito had its premiere three weeks before Die Zauberflöte, but its score was completed later.) The remarkable Emanuel Schikaneder (1751–1812) was an actor, singer, theater manager, and friend of Mozart’s. He suggested the idea of Die Zauberflöte, wrote the libretto, staged the work, and sang the role of Papageno in the opera’s premiere. After Mozart’s death, Schikaneder opened the larger Theater an der Wien in the center of Vienna, a venue that has played a key role in the city’s musical life from the time of Beethoven to the present day. The former main entrance to the theater is called the “Papageno Gate,” a tribute to both men. American poet J. D. McClatchy (1945–2018) crafted the English translation for the Met’s abridged version of The Magic Flute. A longtime editor of the Yale Review, McClatchy contributed libretti for several prominent 21st-century operas—including Tobias Picker’s Dolores Claiborne and Maazel’s 1984—and authored numerous collections of poetry, among them Seven Mozart Librettos: A Verse Translation.

The Setting

The libretto specifies Egypt as the location of the action. Traditionally, the Masons regarded that land as the legendary birthplace of their fraternity, whose
symbols and rituals populate this opera. Some productions include Egyptian motifs as an exotic nod to this idea, but most opt for a more generalized mythic ambience to convey the otherworldliness of the piece.

The Music
Mozart and Schikaneder created Die Zauberflöte with an eye toward a popular audience, but the varied tone of the work requires singers who can specialize in several different musical genres. The baritone Papageno represents the comic and earthy in his delightful arias “I’m Papageno” (“Der Vogelfänger bin ich ja”) and “A cuddly wife or sweetheart” (“Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen”), with its jovial glockenspiel accompaniment. The instrument was hardly trivial to the score, considering Mozart himself played it at several performances in the initial run. Papageno meets his comic match in the “bird-girl” Papagena and their playful, but rather tricky, duet “Pa-Pa-Pa-Pa.” The tenor Tamino, in his ravishing aria “This portrait’s beauty” (“Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön”) and the soprano Pamina, in the deceptively transparent “Now my heart is filled with sadness” (“Ach, ich fühl’s”), display true love in its noblest forms. The bass Sarastro expresses the solemn and the transcendental in his noble “Within our sacred temple” (“In diesen heil’gen Hallen”). The Three Ladies have much ensemble work of complex beauty, and the use of the chorus is both spare and hauntingly beautiful. In her two showstopping arias—“My fate is grief” (“O zitt’re nicht, mein lieber Sohn”) and the more familiar “Here in my heart” (“Der Hölle Rache”)—the Queen of the Night provides explosive vocal fireworks.

Met History
The Met has a remarkable history of distinguished productions of Die Zauberflöte with extraordinary casts. The opera first appeared in 1900 in Italian and featured Emma Eames, Andreas Dippel, and Pol Plançon. In 1941, Herbert Graf directed a new, English-language production with designs by Richard Rychtarik. Bruno Walter led a cast starring Jarmila Novotná, Charles Kullman, Alexander Kipnis, Friedrich Schorr, and a young Eleanor Steber as the First Lady. The legendary 1967 production, with sets and costumes by Marc Chagall, featured Josef Krips conducting Pilar Lorengar, Nicolai Gedda, Lucia Popp, Hermann Prey, Morley Meredith, and Jerome Hines. The Mozart anniversary year of 1991 saw the debut of a production designed by David Hockney and directed by John Cox and Guus Mostart, with James Levine conducting Kathleen Battle, Francisco Araiza, Luciana Serra, Kurt Moll, Manfred Hemm, and Wolfgang Brendel in the lead roles. The present production, by Julie Taymor, opened in 2004 with a cast that included Dorothea Röschmann, Matthew Polenzani, L’ubica Vargicová, Rodion Pogossov, and Kwangchul Youn. Levine again was on the podium. This abridged version for families first debuted in 2006.
Ideally, a translation of an opera should be tailored to fit the production. If a director wants Tamino in a powdered wig and frock coat enacting an allegory of Masonic beliefs, that would suggest one kind of translation. If, on the other hand, the director sets the opera in Disneyland, with Tamino in jeans and an iPod for his magic flute, a very different verbal style would be called for. Fortunately, for this enchanting Met production, Julie Taymor (and I can’t help but think this is exactly what Mozart and Schikaneder would have wanted) chose the timeless world of the fairy tale, with its deliberate mix of high romance and low comedy, of mystery and mayhem. My task was to dress it in an English that fits.

To be avoided at all costs was the usual opera-ese (“Wilt thou to the palace with me now go, most valiant prince?”), which can often make opera-in-English sound stranger than in the original language. After all, the style of a translation affects how an audience understands and sympathizes with—or not—the characters on stage. Stiff diction and forced rhymes can make a character seem wooden and remote and thereby distort important emotional balances in the structure of the opera.

Of course, it is not an “opera” one is translating, but a combination of very distinct voices, a set of different characters each with his or her own personality concocted of words and music. Tamino’s ardent nobility can at one moment be vulnerable, at another courageous. Pamina’s emotions are more complex and have a maturity forced on her by tortuous circumstances. Sarastro’s paternal steadiness, the Queen of the Night’s grieving hysteria, and Monostatos’s oily conniving are starkly different. And Papageno’s inimitable range of humorous earthiness yields readily to a kind of “bird-language” all his own.

The style of *The Magic Flute*—a singspiel that intersperses arias and ensembles with scenes of spoken dialogue—gave us another opportunity. For our abridged version (it should be remembered that this opera has been variously shortened and re-arranged in performance for over 200 years), I have wanted both to follow the libretto and to clarify it. This opera’s plot has sometimes confused its critics into complaining of inconsistencies, but the word “magic” is not in its title by accident. As in a dream, an inner logic threads together sudden changes of course or motivation, as the fates of three pairs—Tamino and Pamina, Papageno and Papagena, Sarastro and the Queen of the Night—are slowly entwined and transformed. Still, what in the original can seem arcane or convoluted, I have tried to pose as the elemental struggle between the forces of darkness and light, reason and chaos, and as the triumph of love over adversity and isolation. Papageno finds the maiden beneath the crone, and Tamino finds his love through trial and patience. Each discovers the world is different than it seemed at first. I suppose that, in the end, you might even say this is an opera about translation.

—J. D. McClatchy
“Aria Code,” the hit podcast from the Met and WQXR, is back for a second season—and this time, the theme is desire in all its forms.

When the Met and WQXR decided to collaborate last season on the creation of a new podcast, the idea was to explore some of opera’s greatest arias and allow people to hear them in a whole new way. In “Aria Code,” top opera stars would talk through the process of learning, rehearsing, and performing some of the best-known arias in the repertoire, from Tosca’s “Vissi d’arte” to Violetta’s “Sempre libera” to Rodolfo’s “Che gelida manina”—with noted actors, writers, psychologists, scientists, and other expert guests providing additional color commentary.

Little did the companies expect, however, that “Aria Code” would become a podcast sensation. “I didn’t know that I needed an opera podcast in my life until I heard the trailer for ‘Aria Code,’” declared The New Yorker. “An elegantly constructed, effortlessly listenable series.”

The New York Times agreed, calling the podcast “luminous … A major event and a gift.”

This month, the series returns, once again hosted by the Grammy Award-winning (and opera-trained) folk singer Rhiannon Giddens. The first episode features superstar diva Anna Netrebko talking about Lady Macbeth’s sleepwalking scene from Verdi’s Macbeth, which the soprano performed memorably earlier this season. But it’s not just Netrebko who weighs in on the murderous queen; none other than Dame Judi Dench also shares her thoughts on the motivations and machinations of this timeless character.

The Macbeth episode is the first of ten new installments, which will also look at moments from Porgy and Bess, Turandot, Le Nozze di Figaro, and others, featuring such Met stars as Renée Fleming, Christine Goerke, and Eric Owens. The hope is that opera lovers will continue to find their favorite works illuminated, while newcomers will discover that opera is, indeed, for them. Or, as The New Yorker put it in their review of the series, “It encourages fandom through substance, by showing us the art itself.”

Listen to Seasons 1 and 2 on your desktop or phone at ariacode.org.
The Cast

Lothar Koenigs
CONDUCTOR (AACHEN, GERMANY)

**This Season** The Magic Flute and Kát’a Kabanová at the Met, Tristan und Isolde in concert at the Royal Danish Opera, Lohengrin at the Bavarian State Opera, and Eugene Onegin at Norwegian National Opera.

**Met Appearances** La Clemenza di Tito, Lulu, and Don Giovanni (debut, 2008).

**Career Highlights** Between 2009 and 2016, he was music director of Welsh National Opera, and he served as music director of Germany’s Theater Osnabrück from 1999 to 2003. His recent operatic engagements include Pelléas et Mélisande and a double bill of Dallapiccola’s Il Prigioniero and Act II of Fidelio at Welsh National Opera, Die Zauberflöte in Valencia, Capriccio in Frankfurt and Brussels, The Queen of Spades and Wozzeck at Norwegian National Opera, Ariadne auf Naxos at the Bavarian State Opera, and Zemlinsky’s Der Kreidekreis in Lyon. He has also led performances at the Vienna State Opera, La Scala, Covent Garden, and with the Hallé, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra dell’Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Vienna Symphony, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Tokyo’s Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, Orquestra Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo, and Sydney Symphony Orchestra, among many others.

Ying Fang
SOPRANO (NINGBO, CHINA)

**This Season** Pamina in The Magic Flute and Sophie in Werther at the Met, Zerlina in Don Giovanni at Lyric Opera of Chicago, Pamina in Die Zauberflöte at Houston Grand Opera, Susanna in Le Nozze di Figaro at LA Opera, Zerlina in concert and Mozart’s Requiem at Switzerland’s Verbier Festival, and concert appearances at Georgia’s Tsinandali Festival, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Celebrity Series of Boston, and Parlance Chamber Concerts.

**Met Appearances** Servilia in La Clemenza di Tito, Noémie in Cendrillon, Ilia in Idomeneo, Jenůfa, Elvira in L’Italiana in Algeri, Giannetta in L’Elisir d’Amore, the Shepherd in Tannhäuser, Barbarina in Le Nozze di Figaro, the Dew Fairy in Hansel and Gretel, and Madame Podtochina’s Daughter in The Nose (debut, 2013).

**Career Highlights** Recent performance include Ilia at the Salzburg Festival; Adina in L’Elisir d’Amore in Vancouver; Morgana in Alcina at Washington National Opera; Pamina in Die Zauberflöte in Zurich; Susanna at Opera Philadelphia; Bellezza in Handel’s Il Trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno in Caen, Lille, and Aix-en-Provence; and Nannetta in Falstaff in concert at the Verbier Festival. She is a graduate of the Met’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program.

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GIACOMO PUCCINI

LA BOHÈME

The most-performed production in Met history, Franco Zeffirelli’s breathtaking staging returns with soprano Maria Agresta and tenor Roberto Alagna as the bohemian lovers Mimi and Rodolfo. Marco Armiliato conducts.

JAN 9, 12mat, 17, 21, 25

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This season The Queen of the Night in The Magic Flute for her debut at the Met; the Queen of the Night in Die Zauberflöte at the Dallas Opera, LA Opera, and New Orleans Opera; the title role of Rimsky-Korsakov’s The Golden Cockerel at the Dallas Opera; and Eurydice in Offenbach’s Orphée aux Enfers at Madison Opera.

Career highlights Recent performances include Viv Sinclair in the world premiere of Rachel J. Peters’s Companionship at Fort Worth Opera, Anne Egerman in Stephen Sondheim’s A Little Night Music at Madison Opera, the Queen of the Night in Die Zauberflöte at Kentucky Opera and Central City Opera, La Charmeuse in Thaïs and Susanna in Le Nozze di Figaro at Minnesota Opera, and Zerbinetta in Ariadne auf Naxos at Austin Opera. She has also sung Najade in Ariadne auf Naxos at Berkshire Opera Festival and the Glimmerglass Festival; the Queen of the Night in Die Zauberflöte at Cincinnati Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Glimmerglass Festival; Cecily Cardew in Castelnuovo-Tedesco’s The Importance of Being Earnest at Boston’s Odyssey Opera; and Olympia in Les Contes d’Hoffmann, Johanna in Sondheim’s Sweeney Todd, and Amy in Mark Adamo’s Little Women at Madison Opera.

Jeni Houser  
SOPRANO (STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN)

Dwayne Croft  
BARITONE (COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK)

This season The Speaker in The Magic Flute and Baron Douphol in La Traviata at the Met.

Met appearances Since his 1990 debut as Fiorello in Il Barbiere di Siviglia, he has sung nearly 600 performance of 40 roles, including Baron Douphol, Sharpless in Madama Butterfly, Orest in Elektra, Peter in Hansel and Gretel, Escamillo in Carmen, Marcello in La Bohème, Figaro in Il Barbiere di Siviglia, the Count in Le Nozze di Figaro, Guglielmo in Cosi fan tutte, Pelléas in Pelléas et Mélisande, Nick Carraway in the world premiere of John Harbison’s The Great Gatsby, and the title roles of Billy Budd and Eugene Onegin.

Career highlights He has sung the Count at the Canadian Opera Company; Eugene Onegin, the title role of Don Giovanni, and Rodrigo in Don Carlo at the Paris Opera; Don Giovanni at Washington National Opera and LA Opera; Jack Rance in La Fanciulla del West at Finnish National Opera; the Count, Don Giovanni, and Figaro at the Vienna State Opera; and Jaufré Rudel in the world premiere of Kaija Saariaho’s L’Amour de Loin at the Salzburg Festival. He is a graduate of the Met’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program.
Two extraordinary sopranos—Aleksandra Kurzak and Lisette Oropesa—share the role of Verdi’s beloved heroine Violetta, in Michael Mayer’s sumptuous staging. The remarkable rotating cast also features Dmytro Popov, Piero Pretti, Quinn Kelsey, and Luca Salsi, with Karel Mark Chichon and Bertrand de Billy on the podium.

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Paul Groves  
TENOR (LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA)

THIS SEASON  Tamino in The Magic Flute and Tchekalinsky in The Queen of Spades at the Met, Faust in La Damnation de Faust in concert at the Beijing Symphony Orchestra and Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, and Leonard L in the world premiere of Tobias Picker’s Awakenings at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis.

MET APPEARANCES  Since his 1992 debut as the Steersman in Der Fliegende Holländer, he has sung nearly 200 performances of 23 roles, including Danilo and Camille de Rosillon in The Merry Widow, the Painter / African Prince in Lulu, Pylade in Iphigénie en Tauride, Gao Jianli in the world premiere of Tan Dun’s The First Emperor, Ferrando in Cosi fan tutte, and Tom Rakewell in The Rake’s Progress.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS  Recent performances include Herod in Salome at Spoleto Festival USA, the title role of Rameau’s Pygmalion at New Orleans Opera, Faust in Mefistofele and Britten’s War Requiem in Lyon, and Wilhelm Arndt in Korngold’s Der Ring des Polykrates at the Dallas Opera. He has also appeared at the Paris Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Opera Philadelphia, Norwegian National Opera, and Aix-en-Provence Festival, among others. He is a graduate of the Met’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program.

Soloman Howard  
BASS (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

THIS SEASON  Sarastro in The Magic Flute at the Met, Wurm in Luisa Miller and Fafner in the Ring cycle at Lyric Opera of Chicago, Wurm at English National Opera, and Basilio in Il Barbiere di Siviglia in Barcelona.

MET APPEARANCES  The King in Aida (debut, 2014).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS  Recent performances include Colline in La Bohème and the Bonze in Madama Butterfly at the Santa Fe Opera, Cadmus/Somnus in Handel’s Semele with the English Concert, the Lion/Second Butcher in Jeanine Tesori’s The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me and the King at Washington National Opera, Fafner in Das Rheingold in Montreal, the Friar in Don Carlo at LA Opera, the King in Madrid, Sparafucile in Rigoletto at North Carolina Opera, and Timur in Turandot at San Francisco Opera. He has also sung Fafner in Das Rheingold at North Carolina Opera, the Duke of Verona in Roméo et Juliette and the Commendatore in Don Giovanni at the Santa Fe Opera, Frederick Douglass / Martin Luther King Jr. in Philip Glass’s Appomattox and Sarastro in Die Zauberflöte at Washington National Opera, and Muhammad Ali in D.J. Sparr’s Approaching Ali at North Carolina Opera.
Rodell Rosel

TENOR (MANILA, PHILIPPINES)

THIS SEASON  Monostatos in The Magic Flute at the Met, Monostatos in Die Zauberflöte at Covent Garden, Goro in Madama Butterfly at Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Dancing Master and Scaramuccio in Ariadne auf Naxos at Arizona Opera, and Don Curzio in Le Nozze di Figaro at LA Opera.

MET APPEARANCES  Valzacchi in Der Rosenkavalier (debut, 2009) and Nathanaël in Les Contes d'Hoffmann.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS  Recent performances include Loge in Das Rheingold at Arizona Opera, Pang in Turandot at Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Dancing Master at Kentucky Opera, and Goro at Seattle Opera. He has also sung Monostatos in Die Zauberflöte at Seattle Opera, Spalanzani in Les Contes d'Hoffmann and the First Jew in Salome at LA Opera, Monostatos in Die Zauberflöte and Mime in Das Rheingold at Lyric Opera of Chicago, Mime in Das Rheingold and Siegfried at Houston Grand Opera, and Anthony Candelino in the world premiere of Jake Heggie's Great Scott at the Dallas Opera. He has appeared at the Santa Fe Opera, Ravinia Festival, Pittsburgh Opera, Tulsa Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, Milwaukee's Florentine Opera, and Taiwan's National Theater.

Will Liverman

BARITONE (VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA)

THIS SEASON  Papageno in The Magic Flute and Horemhab in Philip Glass's Akhnaten at the Met, Pantalone in The Love for Three Oranges at Opera Philadelphia, Silvio in Pagliacci at Opera Colorado and Portland Opera, Marcello in La Bohème at Seattle Opera, Orff's Carmina Burana with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.


CAREER HIGHLIGHTS  Recent performances include Stárek in Jenůfa and Schaunard in La Bohème at the Santa Fe Opera, Schaunard at Opera Philadelphia and the Dallas Opera, the Pilot in Rachel Portman’s The Little Prince at Tulsa Opera, Papageno in Die Zauberflöte at Central City Opera and Milwaukee’s Florentine Opera, Tommy McIntyre in Gregory Spears’s Fellow Travelers at Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Figaro in Il Barbiere di Siviglia at Kentucky Opera, Seattle Opera, Virginia Opera, Madison Opera, and Utah Opera. He originated the role of Dizzy Gillespie in Daniel Schnyder’s Charlie Parker’s Yardbird at Opera Philadelphia, a role which he also sang at English National Opera, New York’s Apollo Theater, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Madison Opera.