

Joshua Owen Mills Tenor



Born in Neath, South Wales, Joshua is recognised as one of the country's most promising young tenors. He studied at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, was a Jerwood Young Artist with Glyndebourne Opera, and in 2015 became a member of the Opera Studio at the Bavarian State Opera, Munich.

Joshua has won numerous competitions and awards including the Glass Sellers Prize at the Guildhall Gold Medal Competition, the Dunraven Young Welsh Singer of the Year competition, the London Welsh Trust Young Welsh Singer of the Year competition, the Towyn Roberts Scholarship and Osborne Roberts Memorial Prize at the National Eisteddfod, and second prize in the National Mozart Singing Competition.

On the concert stage, Joshua has appeared at the Wigmore Hall and the North American Festival of Wales in Minneapolis, and understudied Ian Bostridge for Britten's **Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings** with Sir Antonio Pappano and the Santa Cecilia Orchestra in Rome. Most recently, he appeared at the BBC Proms in Vaughan Williams' **Serenade to Music** under the baton of Sakari Oramo, alongside a consort of the nation's most promising young singers.

Opera performances in Munich include Nereo **Mefistofele**, First Prisoner **Fidelio**, Servant of Amelia **Un ballo in maschera**, Mayor **Albert Herring**, Liverotto **Lucrezia Borgia**, and Giuseppe **La Traviata**. Further roles include cover Belfiore **La finta giardiniera**, Animal Seller **Der Rosenkavalier** and Gastone **La traviata** (Glyndebourne); Joe Crowell **Our Town Rorem**, Cat/Lampwick **Adventures of Pinocchio**, Il Duca in Donizetti's **Francesca di Foix** and Don Curzio **Le Nozze di Figaro** (Guildhall School); cover Belmonte **Die Entführung aus dem Serail**, Hotel Porter **Death in Venice** and Tamino **Die Zauberflöte** (Garsington Opera Studio), a performance which earned Joshua the Simon Sandbach Award for outstanding professionalism and musical talent.

Recent highlights include Beethoven's **Ninth Symphony** with Bayerische Staatsorchester; **St John Passion** with the Jyväskylä Symphony Orchestra in Finland; Mozart **Requiem** at the Royal Festival Hall; **Messiah** with the Royal Northern Sinfonia and Chorus; 'Proms on the Pier' in Guernsey, 'Ten Tenors' in Llandudno - a concert featuring ten of Wales' most talented young singers - and 'Italienische Sommernacht', an evening of arias and duets with the Munich Symphony Orchestra. In Munich this season, roles include Don Gaspard **La Favorite**, Henry Bowers in the world premiere of Miroslav Srnka's **South Pole**, and the cover of Tamino. Joshua will also appear with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in the St David's Day Concert 2017.

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