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UPCOMING

Betto	Gianni Schicchi	National Symphony Orchestra	April-May 2026
George	Mickey Dee and the Eclipse	Washington National Opera	May 2026
Jess	Oklahoma!	Glimmerglass Opera Festival	July-August 2026
Guglielmo (cover)	Così fan tutte	Glimmerglass Opera Festival	July-August 2026
Senator Potter/General Arlie (cover)	Fellow Travelers	Glimmerglass Opera Festival	July-August 2026

ROLES PERFORMED

Simon	Treemonisha	Washington National Opera	March 2026
Businessman/Baobab/Hunter	The Little Prince	Washington National Opera	2025
Il Conte Almaviva	<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	Washington National Opera	2025
Don Giovanni	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Opera Wilmington	2025
Parson Alltalk	Treemonisha	Opera Orlando	2025
Albert	<i>Werther</i>	Opera Orlando	2025
Santa Terry The Page	4 Lost Santas Amahl & the Night Visitors	Opera Orlando (premiere)	2024
Sonora	<i>La Fanciulla del West</i>	North Carolina Opera	2024
Afrofuturistic Ensemble	X: The Life and Times of Malcom	The Metropolitan Opera	2023
Baron Duophol	<i>La Traviata</i>	Opera Wilmington	2023
Figaro	Le Nozze di Figaro	Frost Opera Theater	2023
Il Dancaïro	<i>Carmen</i>	Opera Theatre of Saint Louis	2022
Don Calogero Sedàra	The Leopard	Frost Opera Theater (premiere)	2022
Town Magistrate	<i>Signor Deluso</i>	Florida Grand Opera	2022
Gianni Schicchi	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Si Parla, Si Canta	2019

SCENES, COVERS, CONCERTS, AND RECORDINGS

Marcello	<i>La Bohème</i> (scenes)	Alexandria Symphony Orchestra	February 2026
Papageno	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Opera Orlando	2025
Figaro	<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Opera Orlando	2025
Soloist	(Re)Discovering Julia Perry	Washington University of Saint Louis	2024
Soloist	Five Mystical Songs	Cape Fear Chorale	2024
Don Calogero Sedàra	The Leopard	Naxos Records: American Classics	Released 2024
Giorgio Germont (cover)	<i>La Traviata</i>	Opera Wilmington	2023
Closet Lover Jack (cover)	Harvey Milk (premiere)	Opera Theatre of Saint Louis	2022
Harlekin	<i>Ariadne auf Naxos</i>	Opera Theatre of Saint Louis	2022
Baritone Solo	Fauré Requiem	Frost Chorale and Symphony Orchestra	2022

AWARDS, COMPETITIONS, & HONORS

Encouragement Prize	Eastern Region Finals	Laffont Metropolitan Opera Competition	2024
Winner	New York District	Laffont Metropolitan Opera Competition	2024
Career Grant	Pasadena Vocal Competition	Pasadena Vocal Competition	2024
First Place	Heafner/Williams Competition	Heafner/Williams Vocal Competition	2022
Graduation Magna Cum Laude	Master of Arts, Vocal Performance	University of Miami Frost School of Music	2022
Graduation with Highest Distinction	Bachelor of Arts, Music & Biology	Duke University	2020
Winner	Rising Stars Competition	Raleigh Symphony Orchestra	2020
Winner	Louis Sudler Prize	Duke University	2020

EDUCATION

Artist Diploma in Vocal Performance	Frost School of Music at the University of Miami	2023
Master's Degree in Vocal Performance	Frost School of Music at the University of Miami	2022
Bachelor of Arts in Music	Duke University	2020

APPRENTICE PROGRAMS

Resident Artist	Glimmerglass Opera Festival	2026
Cafritz Young Artist	Washington National Opera	2025-present
Studio Artist	Opera Orlando	2024-2025
Young Artist	Dolora Zajick Institute for Young Dramatic Voices	2024
Gerdine Young Artist	Opera Theatre of Saint Louis	2022
Apprentice Artist	Si Parla, Si Canta	2019

TEACHERS

Dolora Zajick
Kim Josephson
Susan Dunn
Mark Schnaible
Heidi Murphy
Neil Schicoff
Bettsy Bishop

COACHES

Ken Weiss
Beatrice Benzi
Patricia Racette
Yelena Kurdina
John Churchwell
Alan Johnson
David Heid

CONDUCTORS

Robert Spano
Daniela Candillari
Gerard Schwartz
Keitaro Harada
Darwin Arquino
Kazem Abdullah
Micah Gleason

LANGUAGES & SPECIAL SKILLS

Fluent English, Fluent SiSwati, Zulu, Xhosa, Fluent Spanish, Intermediate Italian, Beginner French, Conversational Portuguese, Beginner German, Fluent West African Pidgin English, Piano, Songwriting, Mixed Martial Arts, Beginner Dance, Stage Combat, Soccer, Biochemical Research