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CURRICULUM VITAE

Debut

Tenor, Michael Kristensen, is born in Ørnhøj, Denmark.

Made his debut as *Spoletta* in Puccini's Tosca, 1994, at the Royal Opera in Copenhagen. Graduated from The Royal Opera Academy, Copenhagen, 1995 and has been a member of the soloist-ensemble at The Royal Opera since then.

The Royal Opera, Copenhagen

His repertoire includes among other: Mozart's *Don Ottavio* in Don Giovanni, *Tamino* in Die Zauberflöte, *Ferrando* in Cosi fan tutte, *Lucio Silla*, *Titus* and *Idomeneo* and *Arbace*. Wagner's *Loge*, *Walther von der Vogelweide* in Tannhäuser, *Steuermann* in Der Fliegende Holländer and *Der Hirt/Ein junger Seemann* in Tristan und Isolde.

Britten's *Quint* in Turn of the Screw and *Male Chorus* in The Rape of Lucretia. *Tom Rakewell* in Stravinskij's The Rake's Progress, *Grigorij* in Musorgskij's Boris Godunov, *Prinz/Markis Casti Piani/Ein Diener* in Berg's Lulu, *The Schoolmaster* in The Cunning Little Vixen by Janácek and *Father Mignon* in The Devil's of Loudon.

Season 2015/2016, Michael Kristensen, made his debut as *Max* in Der Freischütz directed by Kasper Holten and sang also for the first time *Herodes* in Stefan Herheim's staging of Salome. In November, 2016, he made his debut as *Jimmy Mahoney* in the premier of Graham Vick's production of Kurt Weill's Mahagonny.

Upcoming parts are The Beadle in Sondheim's Sweeney Todd and Arbace in Robert Carson's production of Mozart's Idomeneo.

Other engagements

July 2019, Colonel Ricci in Sondheim's Passion in Montepulciano, Italy, directed by Keith Warner and conducted by Roland Böer and he also sang *Alfredo* in Der Fledermaus by Strauss' at Opera Ireland, 1998. He sang *Ein Offizier* in Ariadne auf Naxos at Der Salzburger Festspiele, *Beppe* in Leoncavallo's Pagliacci at La Monnaie, Bruxelles and *Symon* in Carl Millöcker's Der Bettlestudent at Volksoper in Wien.

Concerts

Soloist in major works of Mozart, Händel, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Bach. Is often singing with all the major Danish Symphony Orchestras and has also been a regular guest with several of the Swedish and Norwegian orchestras e.g. Malmö Symphony Orchestra and Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra.

Discography

Herman D. Koppel: Moses, 1996. (Dacapo)

P.E. Lange-Müller: Der var engang, 1997. (Dacapo) B. Britten: A Birthday Hansel, opus 92, 1997 (Danica)

R. Strauss: Salome, *3rd Jew*, 1999 (Chandos) Carl Nielsen: Maskarade, *Arv*, 1999 (DECCA)

Peter Heise: Tornerose, 2000. (Naxos and Dacapo) P.E. Lange-Müller: Renaissance, 2000. (Dacapo)

C.E.F Weyse: Sovedrikken, 2001. (Dacapo) Winner of The Danish Grammy for a classical

recording.

Carl Nielsen: Songs, 2001. (Naxos)

Poul Ruders: Proces Kafka, 2006. (Dacapo)

Richard Wagner: Das Rheingold, *Loge*, DVD, 2008 (DECCA) Carl Nielsen: Saul and David, *Jonathan*, DVD, 2015. (Dacapo)

Honors

2015: Michael Kristensen was honored Knight of Dannebrog by The Danish Queen, Margrethe II

Prizes

1997: Léonie Sonnings Musikstipendium 1997: Award of the Danish Music Criticers

2010: Nomineed for best singer of the year by Friends of the Opera, Denmark, for his Tom

Rakewell in The Rake's Progress 2013: Holger Bruusgaards Legat

Summer, 2019.