

DRAKE DANTZLER • Tenor

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BIOGRAPHY

Drake Dantzler is an emerging tenor of tremendous promise. Mr. Dantzler has appeared across the United States with companies such as Sarasota Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Central City Opera, Western Plains Opera, and the Ohio Light Opera. Drake has been seen in opera and operetta, counting Tamino, Don Ottavio, Ernesto, Chevalier from *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, Frederick from *Pirates of Penzance*, Nanki-Poo from the Mikado, and Camille from *Merry Widow* among his roles.

Drake is also a fan of contemporary music, having debuted both the role of Joshua Jennings in Dan Welcher's *Holy Night* and Justice Goodkin in Joseph Turrin's *The Scarecrow*. Drake has also been fortunate to make two recordings, one of Friml's *The Vagabond King* and the other as Ivan in Friml's *Katinka*.

Drake has studied and performed all the major language as well as pursuing studies in Russian. Mr. Dantzler has formal dance, movement, and combat training, and additional sword play training. Drake has received multiple scholarships and awards, including an award from the Jensen Foundation to be an apprentice as Central City Opera.

Mr. Dantzler holds degrees from Vanderbilt University, Eastman School of Music, and a Doctorate from the University of Texas. Drake maintains a private studio and is currently on faculty as Associate Professor of Voice and Director of Opera Studies at Oakland University in Rochester, MI.

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RESUME

OPERA ROLES PERFORMED

Mr. Erlanson	<i>A Little Night Music</i>	Central City Opera	2009
Arturo (Cover)	<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Central City Opera	2009
Ufficiale	<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Sarasota Opera	2008
Camille	<i>The Merry Widow</i>	Breckenridge Music Festival	2008
Charlie	<i>Mahagonny Songspiel</i>	Des Moines Metro Apprentice Opera	2008
Leo (Cover)	<i>Regina</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2008
Nanki-Poo	<i>The Mikado</i>	Western Plains Opera	2007
Lysander (Cover)	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2007
Ernesto	<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Opera Iowa	2007
Registrar	<i>Madame Butterfly</i>	Austin Lyric Opera	2006
Ernesto	<i>Don Pasquale</i>	The Living Opera	2006
Chevalier	<i>Dialogues of the Carmelites</i>	UT Opera Theater	2006
Justice Goodkin	<i>The Scarecrow (World Premiere)</i>	UT Opera Theater	2006
Foreman	<i>Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk</i>	Austin Lyric Opera	2006
Ruiz	<i>Il Trovatore</i>	Austin Lyric Opera	2005
Don Ottavio	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Astoria Music Festival	2005
Joshua Jennings	<i>Holy Night (World Premiere)</i>	UT Opera Theater	2005
Vladimir Lensky	<i>Eugene Onegin</i>	UT Opera Theater	2004
Nanki-Poo	<i>The Mikado</i>	Ohio Light Opera	2004
Cascada	<i>The Merry Widow</i>	Ohio Light Opera	2004
Pirelli	<i>Sweeney Todd</i>	Eastman Opera Theater	2003
Frederick	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Ohio Light Opera	2003
Tiberge	<i>Le Portrait du Manon</i>	Eastman Opera Theater	2002
Tamino	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Vanderbilt Opera	2001

CONCERT SOLOIST

Tenor Soloist	Handel, <i>Messiah</i>	Grace Church, Grosse Point	2009
Solosist	Gounod, <i>Messe Solennelle</i>	Oakland University Choirs	2009
Soloist	Britten, <i>Serenade</i>	Pontiac Oakland Symphony	2009
Soloist	"An Italian Evening"	Rochester Symphony	2009
Soloist	Stainer, <i>The Crucifixion</i>	Grace Church, New York	2009
Soloist	"Stars of Tomorrow"	Des Moines Metro Opera	2007, 2008
Soloist	"What's Opera Doc?"	Rochester Philharmonic	2004
Tenor Soloist	J.S. Bach, <i>Magnificat</i>	Eastman School	2004
Tenor Soloist	Handel, <i>Chandos Anthem 4</i>	William Smith Hobart College	2003
Tenor Soloist	Mozart, <i>Cornation Mass</i>	Vanderbilt Chorus	2002
Tenor Soloist	Mozart, <i>Mass in C Minor</i>	Vanderbilt Chorus	2001

YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAMS

Central City Opera	2009
Des Moines Metro Opera	2007, 2008
Sarasota Opera	2008, Fall 2008

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EDUCATION

MM Performance and Literature

Eastman School of Music

2004

BM Magna Cum Laude

Vanderbilt University

2002

INSTRUCTION

Teachers

Mark Oswald

David Small

William McIver

Coaches

Richard Cordova

Russell Miller

Korey Barrett

Directors

Dugg McDonough

Steven Daigle

A. Scott Parry

Conductors

Benton Hess

David Neely

G. Garrett Keast