

## Björn BÜRGER

### Baritone

Björn Bürger is one of the finest baritone singers of his generation, acclaimed both for his vocal qualities and natural sense of stagecraft.

Born in Rodgau (Germany), he studied singing and graduated from the Frankfurt Conservatoire, where he was taught by Hedwig Fassbender.

He has taken part in masterclasses with Kurt Moll, Helmut Deutsch and Christoph Pregardien.

At the start of his career, he sang **Argante** (Handel's Rinaldo) at the Karlsruhe International Handel Festival, **Osmin** (Mozart's Zaïde) on tour in Germany.

As a member of the Oper Frankfurt Ensemble from 2013 to 2018, he sang the roles of **Masetto** (Don Giovanni), **Harlequin** (Ariadne auf Naxos), **Bengtsson** (Die Gespenstersonate), Britten's **Owen Windgrave** (title role), **Schaunard** (La Bohème), **Papageno** (Die Zauberflöte), **Dandini** (La Cenerentola), **Astolfo** (Orlando Furioso), **Pelléas** (Pelléas et Mélisande), **Conte di Almaviva** (Le Nozze di Figaro), **Don Bucefalo** (Le cantatrici villane), **Frank** and **Fritz** (Die tote Stadt), Hermann's **Der Mieter**, **Billy Budd** (title role).

During this period, Björn Bürger made his debut at the Opéra national de Paris as **Papageno** (directed by Robert Carsen) and as **Don Giovanni** at the Norwegian National Opera in Oslo. He has also sung **Figaro** (Il Barbiere di Siviglia) at the Glyndebourne Festival, **Falke** (Die Fledermaus) in Munich (cond. K. Petrenko), **Harlequin** at the Glyndebourne Festival, **Figaro** at the Semperoper in Dresden.

Forthcoming projects include : **Figaro** in Stuttgart, **Falke** at the Lausanne Opera, **Wolfram** (Tannhäuser) in Amsterdam, **Papageno** in Glyndebourne, **Don Giovanni** and **Il Conte** (Le Nozze di Figaro) at La Monnaie in Bruxelles, **Guglielmo** (Cosi fan tutte) at the Opéra du Rhin in Strasbourg...

Björn Bürger was a **Yehudi Menuhin Foundation** (Live Music Now) stipendium.

In 2012, he won the Frankfurt Polytechnic Society competition and was awarded First Prize in the **Bundeswettbewerb Gesang** competition in Berlin.