

Kurt RYDL Bass

Kurt Rydl was born in Vienna, first he studied zoology and then singing at the "Hochschule für Musik" in Vienna. As he had learned Russian in school he got a scholarship from the music academy in Moscow, after winning voice competitions in Paris and Barcelona he had a first contract in **Linz**, then in **Stuttgart**, 1977 he became a member of the ensemble at State Opera **Vienna** and in 1986 was awarded as Austrian "Kammersänger", 1999 he became "Ehrenmitglied of Staatsoper Vienna", 2002 he received the decoration of "Goldenes Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst" and 2007 the decoration of "Goldenes Ehrenzeichen für Verdienste um das Land Wien". Mr. Rydl is singing at all important theatres of the world, 2012 he sings his 1111th performance at Staatsoper **Vienna**.

He has made over 30 CD's for Decca, DGG, Capriccio, CBS, EMI, Orfeo, Philipps, RCA, Koch, Naxos recording roles like Rocco, Zuniga, Don Diego in "L'Africaine", Publius, Osmin, Bartolo in "Nozze di Figaro", Sarastro, Ochs, Alvisé, Frank, Tom, Ramphis, Fafner, Kaspar with conductors like *Albrecht, Dohnanyi, Domingo, Haitink, Karajan, Kleiber, Levine, Maazel, Navarro, Sinopoli, Solti, Tate, Viotti*, he worked also with *Barenboim, Böhm, Bernstein, Celibidache, Haenchen, Gelmetti, Giulini, Janowski, Masur, Mehta, Muti, Nagano, Oren, Petrenko, Rattle, Runnicles, Sawallisch, Stein, Schneider, Thielemann, Welser-Möst*.

Mr. Rydl has sung the role of Ochs over 230 times in theatres like **Amsterdam, Berlin, Bilbao, Bonn, Bologna, Brussels, Budapest, Cologne, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Florence, Hamburg, Hannover, London, Los Angeles, Milan, Monte Carlo, Munich, Nice, Paris, Beijing, Rome, Tel Aviv, Toulouse, Turin, Vienna** and **Zurich**.

He sang in **Düsseldorf** Osmin, in **Vienna** Morosus, Pimen, Sparafucile as well as Hagen with Mo. *Welser-Möst* and Boris in "Lady Macbeth from Mzensk" (Mo. *Metzmacher*), in **Dresden** Basilio, Morosus, Pimen, Sparafucile and Ochs (Mo. *Schneider*) and Osmin (*Julia Jones, Marelli*), in **London** Sparafucile and Rocco with Mo. *Petrenko*, in **Berlin** with Mo. *Runnicles* Ochs and Landgraf, in **Tokyo** Hunding and „Buch mit den sieben Siegel“, in **Paris** Doktor in „Wozzeck“ with Mo. *Haenchen*, Rocco (Mo. *Masur*) and Osmin, in **Nice** Gurnemanz, in **Cologne** Fasolt, in **Turin** (Mo. *de Billy*), Gurnemanz, in **Budapest** Hagen with Mo. *Fischer*, in **Zurich** Kaspar and Morosus, in **Shanghai** Fasolt, Hunding and Hagen, in **Santiago de Compostella** Gurnemanz, at Brucknerhalle **Linz** Rocco, in **Amsterdam** Ochs (Mo. *Rattle*) and in **Jerusalem** "Gerusalemme".

More recent he sang Arkel and Heinrich at Teatro Colón **Buenos Aires**, Kaspar in **Macao**, Ochs with Mo. *Jordan* at **Scala Milano**, 9^o Beethoven in **Tel Aviv** with Mo. *Masur*, Osmin in **Düsseldorf**, Gurnemanz in **Paris**, the new productions "Arabella" with Mo. *Jordan* in **Paris**, Turandot and "Rheingold" in **Oviedo**, "Schweigsame Frau" and Osmin in **Budapest**, "Flying Dutchman" in **Turin** and **Hong Kong**, Timur in **Oviedo**, "Lady Macbeth from Mzensk" in **Zurich**, "Rheingold" in **Rome**, Rocco in **Sofia**, "Siegfried" in **Paris**, Timur in **London**, Osmin in **Salzburg**, Ochs for the inauguration of the new theater in **Linz**, Fasolt in **Rom**, Ochs, Pimen, La Roche Gurnemanz, Sparafucile, "Lady Macbeth of Mzensk" in **Vienna**, "Fidelio" in **Australia**, "Ring" in **Amsterdam**, Daland in **Marseille**, Ochs in **Hong Kong, Berlin** and **Linz** and Waldner in **Munich** and **Dresden**.

Recent and future contracts until 2023 include Ochs in **Buenos Aires**, Zsupan, "Wally" and "Masnadieri" in **Vienna**, Daland in **Minsk**, "Wozzeck" in **Paris**, Osmin in **Linz** and **Dresden**, "Lady Macbeth from Mzensk" in **Berlin** and **Munich**, "Ring" in **Korea**, "Fledermaus" in **Cologne, Berlin**, Waldner in **Paris, Munich, Dresden, Vienna**, "Oedipus Rex" in **Dresden**, "Königskinder" in **London**, "Zauberflöte" in **Oman**, 2023 he will sing Waldner with Mo. *Thielemann* in **Dresden**.