

Jiri RAJNIS Baritone

Jiří Rajniš is born in the Czech Republic, he studied first drama-acting at the Prague Conservatory and afterwards opera singing at the Herb Alpert School of Music in the class of Vladimir Chernov in Los Angeles.

He has been a member of 'Junges Ensemble' at the Semperoper **Dresden**, where he performed under the batons of *Christian Thielemann, Alan Gilbert, John Fiore, Stephan Ranzani, Giampaolo Bisante, Antonio Fogliani*. He worked with stage directors such as *Willy Decker, Calixto Bieito, Vera Nemirova, Brigitte Fassbaender* and *David Hermann*.

2022 he was finalist of the Otto Edelman Competition in Vienna, furthermore he is winner of the "Prague Singer Competition" and of the Antonin Dvorak Competition.

He was a member of the ensemble in **Coburg**, where he was heard as Herr Fluth, Peter in "Hänsel und Gretel", Schaunard, Marcello, Count Almaviva, Freddy in "My Fair Lady", Frédéric in "Lakmé", Don Fernando in "Fidelio" and Haraschta in "The Cunning Little Vixen".

Recent and future engagements through the 2025/26 season include Figaro in "Barbiere di Siviglia" in a tour to **Strasbourg, Frankfurt** and **Paris**, Ford and Eugen Onegin in **Freiburg**, Dunois in "Maid of Orleans" in **Ljubljana**, Sharpless at Festival Gut **Immling**, Don Giovanni at Sommer Oper **Bamberg**, Peter in "Hänsel und Gretel" in **Dresden**, Sharpless, Escamillo and Schaunard in **Prague**, Albert in "Werther" in **Kosice**, Eugen Onegin and Marcello in **Luzern**, Escamillo in **Cagliari**, Posa in **Kaiserslautern**, "Rusalka" and "The Kiss" by Smetana in **Liege**, Guglielmo in "Cosi" in **Jesi, Modena, Pisa, Rovigo** and **Metz**, Gamekeeper in "Rusalka", 1° Nazarener in "Salome" with Mo. *Mehta* and "Lady Macbeth from Mzensk" with Mo. *Chailly* at **Scala Milano** and 1° Nazarener in "Salome" in **Valencia**.

In the Czech Republic he sings at the National Theatre **Prague**, in **Kosice, Pilsen, Liberec, Ostrava** roles such as Escamillo, Albert, Ford, Luna, Schaunard, Sharpless, Donner, Don Giovanni, Herr Fluth, Gerard, Eugen Onegin, Dunois, Harasta.

He sings concerts with all famous festivals and orchestras in the Czech Republic such as Czech Philharmonie, Prague Symphony Orchestra, Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Festival Český Krumlov, Smetanova Litomyšl. Furthermore, he worked also with Bamberger Symphoniker.