



Blake Denson

Baritone



One of the most exciting vocal talents to emerge in recent seasons globally, baritone Blake Denson, is praised for his "captivating dramatic interpretations" with "a striking upper register" and "a sound that boomed to the back of the house" (Opera Wire). Recently, Mr. Denson was named a winner of the **George London Foundation Competition, The International Concours Tenor Viñas Competition**, and the winner in **The Dallas Opera National Vocal Competition**. Mr. Denson was also a Grand Finalist winner of the 2020 **Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions**.

His roles and appearances in his first years in **Houston Grand Opera** included Peter in *Hansel und Gretel*, Soloist in *Giving Voice*, Soloist in *Suite Español*, and Daddy/Tim in the world premier of *The Snowy Day*. In the 2021/22 season he can be seen as Gregorio in *Roméo et Juliette*, Jailor in *Dialogues des Carmélites*, and Morales after being canceled because of Covid19 in *Carmen*. This season he will also make is Company debut with **Des Moines Metro Opera** sing the role of Jake in a new production of *Porgy and Bess*.

In the upcoming season Mr. Denson will fest with the Staatsoper Hamburg while also being contracted around the world. Some of the houses Mr. Denson will perform with include: **Sante Fe Opera, Bayerische Staatsoper, English National Opera, Staatsoper Hamburg, Washington National Opera, Houston Symphony, and Paducah Symphony**.

Denson is an alumnus of Wolf Trap Opera, the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, and the University of Kentucky. His awards include Winner of the George London Foundation, The International Concours Tenor Viñas Competition, Grand Finalist Winner of the 2020 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, First Prize/Legacy Award in National Opera Association, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Houston, The Orpheus Vocal Competition, The Perfect Day competition, The Pasadena Vocal Competition, Partners in Arts Vocal Competition, Annapolis Vocal Competition, Opera Ithaca Vocal Competition, and Opera Mississippi Opera Competition.

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