

Birger Radde – Bariton

Birger Radde has been lauded for his "impeccable, lyrical tone" and his "stylish and lively interpretations" which makes him equally at home on both the opera and concert stages. In 2005 he made his operatic debut at the Leipzig Opera/Germany with following engagements at the Musikalische Komödie Leipzig and the Neuköllner Oper Berlin.

In summer 2008 Mr. Radde performed the title role in "L'Orfeo" by C. Monteverdi at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival/USA. In spring 2009 he created the leading role in "The silent Serenade", a musical comedy written by Erich W. Korngold. This production is going to be recorded for the German Label CPO. As prizewinner of the International Opera Competition "Kammeroper Schloss Rheinsberg" 2009 the Bariton will sing Tarquinius in B. Britten's "The Rape of Lucretia" at the Rheinsberg Theater in summer 2009 and in following performances at the State Theater of Altenburg/Gera.

After finishing his studies at the Dresden and Leipzig conservatories with Professors Ilse Hahn and Hans Joachim Beyer, Mr. Radde received a scholarship from Yale University where he continued his studies with Professor James Taylor. Master classes with Rudolph Piernay, Norman Shetler, Christoph Prégardien, Ellen Hargis, Julianne Baird, Christian Gerhaher and Jane Glover have complimented his vocal education.

In numerous operatic performances and concerts, Mr. Radde collaborated with conductors Helmut Rilling, Marc Albrecht, Pedro Halffter, Stephen Layton, Attilio Cremonesi, Claude Schitzler, Simon Carrington and Graham O' Reilly. He has also appeared with the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra, Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin, Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, Leipzig Baroque Orchestra, Soloists of the Staatskapelle Dresden, Bach Collegium Stuttgart and Hannoversche Hofkapelle in such notable venues as the Gewandhaus Leipzig, Semperoper Dresden, Konzerthaus Berlin, Laiszhalle Hamburg and Liederhalle Stuttgart.

Possessing a strong interest and extensive repertoire in Art Song and Lied, Mr. Radde has given various song recitals ranging from Purcell, Schubert and Schumann cycles to contemporary compositions.

Birger Radde is located in Berlin/Germany.