ALAN OPIE, Baritone

Baritone Alan Opie is a regular guest at the Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Wiener Staatsoper, Bayerische Staatsoper, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Santa Fe Opera, Glyndebourne, English National Opera, and Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. He has performed at the Bayreuth Festival, singing Beckmesser – a role also repeated in Berlin, Amsterdam, Munich, Vienna and Turin. At ENO he was nominated for the ‘Outstanding Achievement in Opera’ Olivier Award for his performance of *Falstaff*. He has performed *Madama Butterfly* with Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and Welsh National Opera; *La traviata* at Covent Garden, Canadian Opera Company, and San Diego Opera; *La fille du Régiment* at Covent Garden; *Rigoletto* at the Canadian Opera Company, Opera Company of Philadelphia, and Opera Australia; *The Cunning Little Vixen* at Teatro alla Scala and in fully-staged performances with the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center; and *Der Rosenkavalier* at Covent Garden, Opéra national de Paris, Metropolitan Opera, and Wiener Staatsoper. Highlights also include performances of *Candide* with Teatro San Carlo in Naples; *Tosca* with the Canadian Opera Company; the title role in *The Death of Klinghoffer* for ENO and the Metropolitan Opera; and the title role of Berio’s *Outis* as well as *The Makropoulos Case* at Teatro alla Scala.

A prolific concert artist, Alan Opie appears with the greatest orchestras around the world including the symphonies of Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Gothenburg, London, San Francisco, and Sydney as well as with the Israel Philharmonic, Dusseldorf Philharmonic, RAI Turin, BBC Symphony, Philharmonia, and BBC Philharmonic. Highlights of the recent past include performances of Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* in San Francisco and Dallas; Walton’s *Belshazzar’s Feast* in Dallas and Carnegie Hall; Britten’s *War Requiem* in Washington; Vaughan Williams’ *Sea Symphony* in Los Angeles; and Elgar’s *The Kingdom* with the Halle Orchestra in honour of the 150th anniversary of the composer’s birth and *Apostles* at the BBC Proms.

The baritone returned to Welsh National Opera in *La traviata* and to the Metropolitan Opera in the company’s new production of *The Merry Widow* and performed Elgar’s oratorio *King Olav* with the Bergen Philharmonic under Sir Andrew Davis, which was recorded commercially by Chandos. Recent performances also include Balstrode in *Peter Grimes* with the London Philharmonic under Vladimir Jurowski, the San Francisco Symphony led by Michael Tilson Thomas, and with the Accademia di Santa Cecilia under Sir Antonio Pappano.

Alan Opie has recorded for CBS, EMI, Hyperion, Chandos, Naxos and Decca. Releases include “Alan Opie Sings Bel Canto Arias”, Britten’s *Gloriana*, *Albert Herring*, *Peter Grimes* for which he received a Grammy Award, *Death in Venice*, *The Rape of Lucretia* and *The Beauty Stone*, Delius’ *Mass of Life*, the title role in Dallapiccola’s *Ulisse*, Tonio in *I Pagliacci*, Enrico in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Smirnov in Walton’s *The Bear*, Carlo in *Ernani*, di Luna in *Il Trovatore*, the title role in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, and Beckmesser in *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* under Sir Georg Solti for which he received his second Grammy award.

In Queen Elizabeth II’s birthday honors of 2013 Alan Opie was appointed an OBE for services to music.