



## JAKOB VAD, BARITONE

Jakob Vad is an experienced baritone equally at home on the concert platform and the opera stage. He has been the recipient of a Bayreuth Festival Richard Wagner Scholarship and of Denmark's prestigious Van Hauns Prize.

Jakob graduated from the Royal Danish Opera Academy in 2012 and continued his studies at the Madrid Opera Studio. He has sung a number of roles at the Royal Danish Opera in Copenhagen including The Hunter Jan in The Fairy in the Stream. For Copenhagen Opera Festival he has appeared as Monsieur de Brétigny in Manon and Mephistopheles in Faust, winning the Opera Talent of the Year prize for the latter role. For the Danish National Opera, Jakob created the role of Karl in David Bruce's Nothing and for Opera Hedeland he has sung the role of Schaunard in La Bohème.

Outside Scandinavia, Jakob has appeared with Hamburg Chamber Opera, Cuenca Opera in Spain and at the Irkutsk Opera Festival in Russia. He has considerable experience in operas by Mozart, having sung Guglielmo in *Così fan Tutte*, Papageno in *The Magic Flute* and the title roles in both *Le nozze di Figaro* and *Don Giovanni*. Additional roles include Masetto in *Don Giovanni* and Albert in *Werther*.

Jakob has shared the stage with some of the most prestigious singers in the opera world, including Patricia Petibon, Ann Petersen, Susanne Resmark, Johan Reuter, Stella Grigorian, Mindaugas Zimkus and Francois Borrás. He has worked with leading opera conductors including Robert Reimer and Friedemann Layer.

Outside opera, Jakob has appeared as a soloist in Mozart's *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah* and Bach *St. John Passion* and *Christmas Oratorio*. He has collaborated with most of Denmark's orchestras including the Danish

National Symphony Orchestra, Copenhagen Phil, Odense Symphony Orchestra and Trinitatis Orchestra and has appeared under conductors Michael Bojesen, Helmut Rilling and David Björkman.

Jakob has a great love for the lieder repertoire. He has appeared in a number of lieder recitals at home and abroad, specializing in the songs of Denmark's national composer Carl Nielsen and collaborating with his regular accompanist, the pianist Elisabeth Holmegaard Nielsen.