



Edgaras Montvidas

Tenor

Lithuanian born tenor Edgaras Montvidas was educated in Vilnius before joining the Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Opera plans this season and beyond include the title role in *Werther* for Bergen National Opera; Boris in *Katya Kabanova* for Hamburg Opera; Pinkerton *Madama Butterfly* for Opéra Nationale de Lorraine, Nancy as well as debuts at Zurich Opera, La Scala, the Bregenz Festival and Theater an de Wien.

Current and future concert highlights include Verdi *Requiem* on tour with the Monteverdi Choir and John Eliot Gardiner; Berlioz *La Damnation de Faust* with the Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra; Szymanowski *Harnasie* with the London Symphony Orchestra and Simon Rattle; Ravel *L'heure espagnole* with the London Symphony Orchestra and François-Xavier Roth; Beethoven *Symphony No. 9* with Les Siècles, and Stravinsky *Persephone* with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Thomas Ades.

Past opera appearances include the title role in *Werther* for the Opéra Nationale de Lorraine, Nancy; Anatol in Barber *Vanessa* at Glyndebourne; *Les Contes d'Hoffman* in a new production by Barrie Kosky for Komische Oper Berlin; Flamand *Capriccio* for La Monnaie, Brussels; Edgardo *Lucia di Lammermoor* for Semperoper Dresden and Ruggero *La Rondine* and Alfredo for Leipzig Opera as well as roles including Lensky *Eugene Onegin* and Belmonte for Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich and Glyndebourne Festival Opera. He has also sung at English National Opera; Royal Opera Covent Garden; Cincinnati Opera; Santa Fe Opera; Dutch National Opera and Opera Comique Paris

Concert highlights have included Fisherman *Le Rossignol* with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and Pierre Boulez; Szymanowski *King Roger*, Fisherman and Ravel *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* with the Boston Symphony Orchestra; Benjamin Godard *Dante* and Robert in Lalo *La Jacquerie* for Radio France; Szymanowski *King Roger* with Pappano for the Santa Cecilia Orchestra in Rome and Gounod *Le Tribut de Zamora* with the Munich Radio Orchestra (recorded for CD).

Recordings include Helios in Félicien David *Herculeum* with the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra and Hervé Niquet; Marcomir in Saint-Saëns *Les Barbares* and Godard *Dante*.

Edgaras has been awarded the Lithuanian Order of Merit medal by President Dalia Grybauskaitė; the Badge of Honour – 'Carry You Light and Believe' by the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture and in 2009 was awarded the Theatre Award 'The Gold Cross of the Stage' in Lithuania for his performances as Werther.