



## Michael Mofidian

### Bass-Baritone

#### **PUCCHINI *Tosca* Royal Opera House**

Michael Mofidian's vital Angelotti ...  
*Neil Fisher, The Times, May 2019*

Michael Mofidian's sturdy Cesare Angelotti ...  
*Jim Pritchard, Seen and Heard International, May 2019*

...Michael Mofidian, a valiant Angelotti ...added lustre.  
*Fiona Maddocks, The Observer, June 2019*

#### **HENZE *Phaedra* Royal Opera House Linbury Theatre**

Mofidian reveals a handsome, focused bass when Minotaurus, a silent presence for much of the evening, finally sings in the closing scenes.  
*Tim Ashley, The Guardian, May 2019*

... Michael Mofidian makes something surprisingly sympathetic out of the Minotaur.  
*George Hall, The Stage, May 2019*

...bass Michael Mofidian impresses again with a late cameo as the Minotaur.  
*Alexandra Coghlan, Broadway World, May 2019*

... the most arresting character in stage is the all-stomping, all-dancing Minotaur, played by Scottish-Iranian bass-baritone Michael Mofidian...  
*William Hartston, The Express, May 2019*

... Michael Mofidian was impressive in the Minotaur's closing pronouncements.  
*Andrew Clark, Financial Times, May 2019*

Michael Mofidian's resonant tones aid his baleful omnipresent Minotaur significantly.  
*Alexander Campbell, classicalsource.com, May 2019*

...bass-baritone Michael Mofidian was a superb, strutting Minotaur who sang comparatively little yet dominated the action.  
*Mark Valencia, Bachtrack, May 2019*

A shame the mostly silent role of the Minotaur means we don't hear more from true bass Michael Mofidian.  
*David Nice, the arts desk, May 2019*

Michael Mofidian's Minotaur revealed his voice only at the end, a resonant bass that filled the space ominously...  
*Jonathan Cross, Opera, July 2019*

#### **VERDI *La Forza del Destino*, Royal Opera House**

...an Alcalde full of promise from Jette Parker Young Artist Michael Mofidian  
*Flora Seymour, Broadway World, March 2019*

Michael Mofidian, surely one to watch, as an imposing Alcalde ...

*Roger Parker, Opera, June 2019*

It was good to see new young bass Michael Mofidian as Alcade ...  
*Richard Fairman, Financial Times, March 2019*

#### **BACH St John Passion, Jesus College, Cambridge choir**

Bass-baritone Michael Mofidian's Jesus had thunderous clarity  
*Michael Church, The Independent, March 2018*

#### **MOZART Don Giovanni (Leporello), Royal Academy Opera**

Michael Mofidian's Leporello was the best thing about British Youth Opera's Don Giovanni last September and once again he impressed as the put-upon manservant. Mofidian's baritone effortlessly oozes character and his comic nous was welcome as he baited Elvira with Giovanni's labelled conquest-memorabilia, or mimicked his master's magnetism in the Act 2 trio.  
*Claire Seymour, Opera, Nov 2017*

#### **Oxford Lieder Festival recital**

Choosing a wide-ranging programme of Brahms, Rachmaninov, Wolf and Sibelius, they proved exceptional... Mofidian, from the first, still note of the Brahms (Unbewegte laue Luft, which opens on the word "motionless"), showed himself a singer of immense talent, capable of linguistic and musical dexterity and, in a couple of the songs, a good comic actor too. That he looks a bit like a young Jonas Kaufmann has nothing to do with anything but I just thought I'd mention it.  
*Fiona Maddocks, Observer, Oct 2017*

#### **MOZART Don Giovanni (Leporello), British Youth Opera**

The action is smartly and coherently organised and the requisite laughs are generated by the charcoal-toned Leporello of Michael Mofidian, stealing scenes with his edgy comedy. He, like the entire cast, delivers the partially updated rhyming translation with crisp clarity (there are no surtitles).  
*Yehuda Shapiro, The Stage, Sept 2017*

The irresistible energy and wit came from Leporello, Glaswegian Michael Mofidian, also an imaginative singer.

*Fiona Maddocks, Observer*

Michael Mofidian's Leporello was a very clever assumption – balancing the buffo elements with a rather nastier side – and he sang with suavity.

*Alexander Campbell, ClassicalSource*

#### **Russian song recital at Kings Place (with Sholto Kynoch (piano) and Guy Johnston (cello))**

Mofidian sang with a lovely focused and vibrant tone, finding something expressively sexy in the songs... Rather impressively Mofidian managed to make the philosophication rather engaging, and the later songs moved from dark intensity to rapture, reaching great lyric beauty at the end.

*Robert Hugill, planethugill.com, May 2017*



**NICHOLAS JACKSON The Rose and the Ring, King Valoroso) Drapers' Hall**

In Scenes 1 and 2, the steady decorated triplets... said much about the sluggish pomposity of King Valaroso XXIV, a role sung impressively by Michael Mofidian who used his stentorian but warm bass to convey the King's self-absorbed inanity. Mofidian, whose diction was superlative, threw himself enthusiastically into a range of minor parts — coachman, gaoler, officer and porter; and in the latter role demonstrated a tangy cockney accent.

*Claire Seymour, Opera Today, April 2016*