

## **ANDREW SIMPSON**

Bass-Baritone



Bass-Baritone Andrew Simpson hails from Dallas, Texas. He was a student of the great bass Samuel Ramey at Wichita State University. His performance credits include Angelotti in *Tosca* with both Wichita Grand and Virginia Operas, Betto in *Gianni Schicchi* with Chicago Opera Theater, the footman in *Vanessa* at the Santa Fe Opera, and Don Basilio in *II barbiere di Siviglia* at Opera in the Rock. During his two years as a resident artist with Palm Beach Opera, he sang the Imperial Commissioner in *Madama Butterfly*, Count Ceprano in *Rigoletto*, the Jailer in *Tosca*, and Antonio in *Le nozze di Figaro*.

Additional roles include Colline in *La Bohème* in concert with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra,

Zuniga in *Carmen* with Annapolis Opera and First Soldier in *Salome* with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. As an apprentice in 2016, Andrew covered Masetto in *Don Giovanni*, and Sid in *La fanciulla del west* at Santa Fe Opera. Other covers include The Bonze in *Madama Butterfly*, Sparafucile and Monterone in *Rigoletto*, The Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*, Figaro in *Le nozze di Figaro* with Palm Beach Opera, Amonasro in *Aida* with Virginia Opera, as well as Geronimo in *Il matrimonio segreto* and the title role in *Don Giovanni* with Sarasota Opera.

Canceled pandemic performances include The Commentator in **Scalia/Ginsburg** with Virginia Opera, Doctor Grenvil in **La traviata**, Elmiro in Rossini's **Otello**, Senator Potter/General Arlie/Bartender in **Fellow Travelers**, and Mephistopheles in **Faust** with **Florida Grand Opera**.

In the 2021 season, Andrew sang Sam in *Trouble in Tahiti* with Florida Grand Opera as well as Count Ceprano, covering Sparafucile, in *Rigoletto* with Central City. The 2022 season included a return to Central City as Frank in *Die Fledermaus*.