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CONCERT IN THE PARK



THU, SEP 28, 2023 AT 7:30 PM KLYDE WARREN PARK



Tenor **Nathan Bowles** holds a master's degree in vocal performance from Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts and is continuing his studies in the performance diploma program. He recently performed with The Dallas Opera Orchestra in concert at the Dallas Arboretum; he has performed in the outreach presentation of The Billu Goats Gruff and will make his mainstage debut this season as Benyolio in Romeo and Juliet, With Western Plains Opera, Mr. Bowles has performed Basilio in The Barber of Seville, the Father in Into the Woods, and John Styx in Orpheus in the Underworld.



Long Island mezzo-soprano Sabatina Mauro received her master of music degree in vocal performance and opera from the University of North Texas. Most recently at UNT, she appeared as Dinah in Trouble in Tahiti, Bianca in The Rape of Lucretia, Háta in The Bartered Bride, Orfeo in Orfeo ed Euridice, Estelle Oglethorpe in Later the Same Evening, the title role in Regina, Dorabella in Così fan tutte, and The Dog in The Cunning Little Vixen. Ms. Mauro has performed the title roles in La Cenerentola with Red River Lyric Opera and in Rachel Portman's The Little Prince at Adelphi University, where she received her bachelor's degree in music. She recently made her Opera Arlington debut as Despina in Così fan tutte.



This is Travis Wiley McGuire's tenth season performing with The Dallas Opera's Education and Outreach programs; besides Osmin in The Billy Goats Gruff, he has also sung the roles of Wolfgang Bigbad in The Three Little Pigs, The Trouble Man/Giant in Jαck and the Beanstalk, and Dr. Dulcamara in The Elixir of Love. Mr. McGuire is in his twelfth season with The Dallas Opera Chorus, performing in such productions as Boris Godunov. Normα, and Moby-Dick. In addition to opera, he works as a bardic storyteller. He studied at Abilene Christian University, Southern Methodist University, and University of North Texas.



Soprano Sarah E. Navy earned her bachelor of music degree in voice performance from Lawrence University in June 2022. As an undergraduate, she sang the title role in Puccini's Suor Angelicα and performed as a soloist in various works, including the cantata I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes. Ms. Navy recently completed the first year of her master's degree in voice performance at Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts, where she sang the role of Bianca in Britten's The Rape of Lucretia. She is now in her second season as an Education Outreach Artist with The Dallas Opera.



Malcolm Payne, Jr. is an alumnus of the University of North Texas with performance degrees in voice and flute. Mr. Payne made his Dallas Opera mainstage debut as Count Ceprano in Rigoletto in 2022. He made his Carnegie Hall debut as a featured soloist with the Turtle Creek Chorale in the world premiere of Dreamland: Tulsa 1921. He is a former Hattie Mae Lesley Resident Artist with Fort Worth Opera, where he originated the role of Stephen Biko in the world premiere of Joe Illick's Stand Up. Future engagements include Friar Jean in Romeo and Juliet (The Dallas Opera), baritone soloist in Carl Orff's Carming Burang with the Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra, and a guest artist recital in the Warfield Concerts Series.



Soprano **Cherisse Williams** has performed Adina in *L'elisir d'αmore* and Micaëla in Carmen with University of North Texas Opera: Queen of the Night in Die Zauberflöte and Gretel in Hansel and Gretel with Once Upon an Opera; Nannetta in Falstaff with the Midwest Institute of Opera; the Princess in L'enfant et les Sortilèges and Susanna in Le nozze di Figaro (scene) with the Manhattan School of Music; and Sally Hemings in the world premiere of Dana Wilson's The Wolf by the Ears. She holds degrees from Westminster Choir College, Ithaca College, and the Manhattan School of Music.



Soprano Yuhui Yang, from Shanghai, China, is a first-year doctor of musical arts student in voice performance at University of North Texas, where she will sing the title role in Massenet's Cendrillon. Previous credits include Frasquita in Carmen and Barbarina in Le nozze di Figaro with UNT opera, Cupid in Orpheus in the Underworld with the Manhattan School of Music, and Zerlina in Don Giovanni with Macedonian Opera and Ballet in Skopje, Macedonia. In 2019, she was a soloist in Liederabend, a program of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and Hochschule für Musik Karlsruhe Exchange Program.



CONCERT IN THE PARK

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | Klyde Warren Park

Members of The Dallas Opera Orchestra Stephanie Rhodes-Russell, conductor

Faust **Charles Gounod** (1818-1893)

"Ah, je ris de me voir" – Yuhui Yang

Don Giovanni Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart "Ah taci, ingiusto core" (1756-1791)

Sarah E. Navy, Malcolm Payne, Jr., Travis Wiley McGuire

"Deh vieni alla finestra" – Malcolm Payne, Jr.

Xerxes George Frideric Handel

"Ombra mai fu" – Nathan Bowles

(1685 - 1759)

(1836-1891)

The Marriage of Figaro Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

"Deh vieni non tardar" – Cherisse Williams

Eine kleine Nachtmusik, Mvt. 1 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Léo Delibes Lakmé

"Sous le dôme épais" Sarah E. Navy, Sabatina Mauro

The Merry Wives of Windsor Otto Nicolai

"Als Büblein klein" – Travis Wiley McGuire (1810 - 1849)

The Student Prince Sigmund Romberg

"Serenade" - Nathan Bowles (1887-1951)

The Tales of Hoffmann Jaques Offenbach

"Belle nuit. ô nuit d'amour" (1819-1880)

Sarah E. Navy, Sabatina Mauro

Porgy and Bess George Gershwin (1898-1937)

"Summertime" – Cherisse Williams

Performance time: approximately 1 hour with no intermission. Rain date: September 30, 2023, at 7:30pm