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2017

Utopia Opera (NYC)
Opera San José (CA)
Bronx Opera Company (NY)

Eugene Onegin (upcoming)
La bohème (upcoming)
Sir John in Love (upcoming)

2016

Opera Idaho (ID)
Opera San José (CA)
North Shore Music Festival (NY)
Opera at Rutgers (New Brunswick, NJ)
Syracuse Opera (Syracuse, NY)
Bronx Opera Company

Die Fledermaus (upcoming)
Lucia di Lammermoor
Madama Butterfly
Trial by Jury (also Set Designer)
La bohème
Regina

2015

Opera Idaho (ID)
North Shore Music Festival
Northern Lights Music Festival (MN)
Utopia Opera
Bronx Opera Company

The Magic Flute
Il tabarro & Gianni Schicchi
The Merry Widow
Ariadne auf Naxos
The Marriage of Figaro

2014

North Shore Music Festival
Northern Lights Music Festival
St. Petersburg Opera (FL)
Opera Idaho
Bronx Opera Company

Rigoletto
Carmen
Norma
Carmen
The Rivals (Mechem – East Coast/NYC premiere)

2013

St. Petersburg Opera (FL)
Buck Hill-Skytop Music Festival (PA)
Opera Breve (Wichita Falls, TX)
St. Petersburg Opera
Crane School of Music (SUNY Potsdam, NY)
Opera at Rutgers
Bronx Opera Company

Roméo et Juliette
Il tabarro
Le nozze di Figaro
Ariadne auf Naxos
The Impresario/Il signor bruschino
Falstaff
La gazza ladra

2012

North Shore Music Festival
Buck Hill Skytop Music Festival
Bronx Opera Company
Opera at Rutgers
Bronx Opera Company

The Barber of Seville
La traviata
Hansel and Gretel
Cendrillon
The Poisoned Kiss

2011

North Shore Music Festival
North Shore Music Festival
dell'Arte Opera Ensemble (NYC)
Washington Square Music Festival (NYC)
Bronx Opera Company

Pagliacci
Don Pasquale
Ariadne auf Naxos
The Impresario (also translated)
Fra Diavolo

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Stage Director

2010

Opera in the Heights
Opera in the Heights
dell'Arte Opera Ensemble
RESONANZ Festival (Albany, NY)
Amarillo Opera (TX)
Imperial Symphony Orchestra (Lakeland, FL)
Bronx Opera Company

2009

dell'Arte Opera Ensemble
dell'Arte Opera Ensemble
Bronx Opera Company
dell'Arte Opera Ensemble
Imperial Symphony Orchestra

2008

Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts
Dayton Opera
Metro Lyric Opera (Asbury Park, NJ)
Opera Company of the Highlands (Newburgh, NY)
Bronx Opera Company
Imperial Symphony Orchestra

2007

Opera Company of the Highlands
Dayton Opera
Bronx Opera Company
Indianapolis Opera
Imperial Symphony Orchestra

2006

Boheme Opera New Jersey (Trenton, NJ)
Amarillo Opera
Bronx Opera Company
Boheme Opera New Jersey
Indianapolis Opera
Imperial Symphony Orchestra

2005

Indianapolis Opera
Amarillo Opera
Bronx Opera Company

2004 and before (selected)

Indianapolis Opera
Oswego Opera Theatre (Oswego, NY)
Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Opera
Bronx Opera Company
Oswego Opera Theatre
Oswego Opera Theatre
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Die Fledermaus (also sang Dr. Falke)
Les contes d'Hoffmann
Lucia di Lammermoor
Dialogues of the Carmelites
Gianni Schicchi & Buoso's Ghost
The Pirates of Penzance
Die drei Pintos (NY staged premiere; also translated)

La bohème (also Lighting Design)
Manon (also Lighting Design)
The Magic Flute
La clemenza di Tito
Don Giovanni

Dido and Aeneas & Trial by Jury
Turandot
Madama Butterfly (also Set/Lighting)
Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci
The Impresario & Pagliacci
Tosca

Amahl and the Night Visitors
Don Giovanni
Carmen
La fille du Regiment
L'elisir d'amore

Turandot
Falstaff
Così fan tutte
Susannah
Le nozze di Figaro
Carmen

The Merry Widow
Hansel and Gretel
The Consul

Madama Butterfly
The Impresario
Pagliacci & Gianni Schicchi
Don Giovanni
L'equivoco stravagante (US premiere)
A Little Night Music
The Magic Flute

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2004 and before (selected) - continued

Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory (Berea, OH)

Bronx Opera Company

Central City Opera

Hartt Opera Theatre (Hartford, CT)

Savitri & Riders to the Sea

Boccaccio

The Face on the Barroom Floor

La traviata

People who know my work:

Conductors: Beatrice Jona Affron, Miriam Burns, Christian Capocaccia, James Caraher, Anton Coppola, Steven Crawford, Stephen Dubberly, Hal France, Gavriel Heine, Eric Kramer, Steven Jarvi, Kynan Johns, Juan Francisco LaManna, James Lowe, Peter Mark, Gregory Ortega

Singers: Adina Aaron, Lucille Beer, Elizabeth Beers-Kataria, Matthew Chellis, Judith Christin, Adrienne Danrich, Deborah Domanski, Robin Follman, Kenneth Gayle, Othalie Graham, Duncan Hartman, Craig Hart, Weston Hurt, Janara Kellerman, Timothy Kuhn, Georgia Jarman, Patrice Jegou, Daniel Klein, Jee-Hyun Lim, Rod Nelman, Timothy Noble, Daniel Okulitch, Kyle Pfortmiller, Scott Ramsay, Stephen Powell, Dongwon Shin, Kevin Short, Andrew Stuckey, Stefan Szaforowski, Mark Thomsen, Benjamin Warschawski, Gran Wilson, Stella Zambalis.

Administrators: Thomas Bankston, Lenora Eve, Pamela Gilmore, Stephen Goldberg, Carleen Graham, David O'Dell, Sherry Overholt, Pelham G. Pearce, Jr., Greg Trupiano and Veda Zuponic.

Miscellany

- Wrote English versions of *Carmen*, *Die drei Pintos*, *Don Giovanni*, *La gazza ladra*, *The Merry Widow and Pagliacci*; English dialogue for *Boccaccio*, *Fra Diavolo*, *The Impresario* and *The Magic Flute*; English supertitles for *Ariadne auf Naxos*, *La bohème*, *Carmen*, *La clemenza di Tito*, *Don Giovanni*, *L'elisir d'Amore*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Norma*, *Il Signor Bruschino*, *Il tabarro*, *Tosca*, *Turandot* and *Die Zauberflöte*; created abridged version of **La traviata** incorporating Dumas *filis* as a character.
- Member of the Executive Board of the New York Opera Alliance (2014-2015).
- Coach singers privately; coached at the Buck Hill Skytop Music Festival (PA – 2012/2013), Opera Breve Vocal Intensive (TX - 2013); Westchester Summer Vocal Arts Institute (NY – 2012/2014).
- Won American Prize for Opera for *Ariadne auf Naxos* (dell'Arte Opera Ensemble, Summer 2011) and National Opera Association Prizes for *Cendrillon* and *Falstaff* (Opera at Rutgers, Winter 2012 and 2013, respectively).
- Resident Stage Director, Bronx Opera Company and North Shore Music Festival (NY).
- Guest Speaker at Oswego State University (NY) (*The Magic Flute* and *A Little Night Music*).
- Guest Speaker at the Foothills Academy of the Arts and Sciences, Boise, ID: (*La bohème*); Lectured in the Newark (NJ) Public School System (*Macbeth*); Presenter for Central City Opera's *Opera Notes* program (*La Traviata* and *Gloriana*).
- Director, Business Center for the Arts, Bronx, NY (Jan. 1997 – Oct. 1998).
- N.Y. State Council on the Arts Decentralization Coordinator, Bronx County (1993-97).
- Associate Director of Arts Services, Bronx Council on the Arts (Feb. 1992 – Dec. 1996)

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