

David Stout

Baritone



“David Stout’s Figaro was assertive, quick-witted and warmly sung, an impressive role debut.”

Opera

David Stout has established himself as one of the UK’s most versatile baritones, with a formidable reputation for not only his vocal prowess, but also for his refined acting and charismatic stage presence. Formerly a Senior Chorister at Westminster Abbey, David grew up in southern Africa, which inspired him to read zoology and go on to teach biology at Epsom College before studying singing with Rudolf Piernay at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

In the 2026/27 season, he returns to English National Opera to sing **Germont** in *La Traviata*, and to Grange Park Opera for the title role in *Eugene Onegin*. He also sings **Rocco** in *Fidelio* with Opera Ballet Vlaanderen. On the concert stage, he sings Britten’s *War Requiem* at the Three Choirs Festival, *Carmina Burana* with the Hallé Orchestra, and records Elgar’s *The Apostles* with Crouch End Festival Chorus.

Last season, David made his house debut at the Royal Swedish Opera as **Figaro** in *Figaro Gets a Divorce*, and appeared in concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in Vaughan Williams’ *A Sea Symphony* and with the Huddersfield Choral Society in Handel’s *Messiah*.

In recent years, David has gained critical acclaim for his interpretations of **Papageno** in Simon McBurney’s interpretation *The Magic Flute* (ENO), **Mazeppa** (Grange Park Opera), **Sancho Pança** (Bregenz Festival and Staatstheater Darmstadt); **Alberich** *Das Rheingold* (Deutsche Oper am Rhein); **Stárek Jenufa** (Teatro dell’Opera di Roma, Opera Ballet Vlaanderen); **Bluebeard** (title role) with the São Paulo Symphony; Baron Jaroslav Prus *The Makropoulos Affair* (Národní divadlo Brno and Welsh National Opera); **Don Pasquale** (Longborough Opera Festival and Scottish Opera); **Leporello** *Don Giovanni* and the title role in Elena Langer’s *Figaro Gets a Divorce* (Grand Théâtre de Genève); **Wolfram Tannhäuser** (the New National Theatre, Tokyo); **Kurwenal** *Tristan und Isolde* (Grange Park Opera); **Barnaba** *La Gioconda*, Ford Falstaff and Posa Don Carlo (Grange Park Opera); as well **Marcello** *La bohème* for

Scottish Opera, **Roucher** *Andrea Chénier* (Bregenz Festival and Royal Opera House, Covent Garden); **Dulcamara** *L’elisir d’amore* for Theater St Gallen; and **Bartolo** *Il barbiere di Siviglia* for Den Norske Opera and Scottish Opera. Other roles include the title role in *Le nozze di Figaro*, **Gratiano** *The Merchant of Venice*, **Ping Turandot**, **Falke** *Die Fledermaus*, and **Napoleon** *War and Peace* for Welsh National Opera and English National Opera; **Fritz Kothner** *The Meistersingers of Nürnberg*, and **Pish-Tush** *Mikado* for English National Opera. **The Dark Fiddler** *A Village Romeo and Juliet*, **Axel Oxenstjerne** *Cristina di Svezia*, and **Douglas** *Guglielmo Ratcliffe* for the Wexford Festival.

His concert repertoire includes *Frank* Edgar and *Renzo* Silvano for Scottish Opera; *War Requiem* at the Brangwyn Hall; *The Dream of Gerontius* with the Polish National Radio Orchestra in Katowice; he made his Concertgebouw debut as *The Dark Fiddler* in *A Village Romeo and Juliet*; *Aeneas* Dido and *Aeneas* with the English Concert in Lausanne; *Belshazzar’s Feast*, *Sea Symphony* and Verdi’s *Requiem* with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; *The Messiah* in Madrid with the Gabrieli Consort; Brahms’s *Ein deutsches Requiem* and *The Apostles* with the Hallé Orchestra; Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony* with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra; Mozart’s *Requiem* with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; and *Carmina Burana* at the Gustav Mahler Sala and also with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Three Choirs Festival.

Recordings include Haydn’s *Creation*; *Bussy Zazà* and **Sandoval** *Le Duc d’Albe* for Opera Rara; **Donner** *Das Rheingold* (Elder/Hallé); Mahler’s *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* with the Orchestra of the Swan; **Rochester** in John Joubert’s *Jane Eyre*, Wolf’s *Eichendorff Lieder* with Sholto Kynoch; and Sullivan’s *The Beauty Stone* with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

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