



## STEFAN LOUW



**Stéfán Louw** is recognised as one of the leading Lyric tenors in South Africa and has been performing opera across the world since 1999.

His voice, which, according to The Sunday Times newspaper should be declared a "national treasure" (from a review of his interpretation of Rodolfo in 2005), was first heard in South African opera as Beppe in *I Pagliacci*, for which he received the prestigious FNB Vita Opera Award for Most Promising Newcomer.

Before this critically acclaimed debut, Stéfán performed at the Pretoria State Theatre as an ad-hoc Opera Chorus member, where he received the Chorister of the Year Award in 2000. During the five years he was a member of the Opera Chorus he sang in more than 20 productions.

Stéfán's extensive opera experience includes roles such as Alfredo in *La Traviata*, Barinkay in *Der Zigeunerbaron*, Cavaradossi in *Tosca*, Duncan in *Princess Magogo kaDinuzulu*, Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Tebaldo in *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, The Duke of Mantua in *Rigoletto*, Tonio in *La Fille du Regiment*, Pang in *Turandot*, Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly*, Radames in *Aïda* and Rodolfo in *La Bohème*.

He has also performed the tenor solo roles of Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*, Handel's *Messiah*, Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* as well as Dvorak's *Mass in D-major* at numerous occasions throughout South Africa and Namibia.

In September 2008 he made his international debut as Pollione in *Norma* at the Vichy Opera in France, followed by Radames in *Aïda* at the Dijon Opera in France. In 2009 he sang the role of Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* at Cape Town Opera, a critically acclaimed performance which again confirmed this talented South African's skill and versatility.

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## **NOTABLE VENUES**

- Civic Theatre, Johannesburg
- State Theatre, Pretoria
- Artscape Theatre, Cape Town
- San du Plessis Theatre, Bloemfontein
- Playhouse Theatre, Durban
- Montecasino Piazza, Johannesburg
- Johannesburg City Hall
- Pretoria City Hall

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