



Benjamin COVEY

Baritone

BIOGRAPHY

"Baritone Benjamin Covey, in addition to having a rich, resonant and powerful voice, has quite a gift for comedy and carried much of the performance's significant humour."

Keira Grant, mooneyontheatre.com
Pub Operas, Tapestry New Opera Works

Baritone Benjamin Covey is one of Canada's most dynamic young singers, recognized by the Metropolitan Opera Competition in 2007 with an Encouragement Award.

A Graduate of the University of Toronto and an Alumni of Calgary Opera's Emerging Artist Development Program, Mr. Covey debuted as **Morales/Dancaire** (*Carmen*) with Manitoba Opera, and was the only Canadian singer invited to San Francisco's prestigious Merola Opera Program in 2010, where he sang **Belcore** in *L'Elisir d'Amore*.

On the concert stage, Benjamin was a guest artist with Chorus Niagara for Orff's rollicking *Carmina Burana*, and has sung *Messiah* with Regina Symphony and Victoria Symphony Orchestra. In 2011, Benjamin debuts with Toronto's Pax Christi Chorale in Salieri's *Mass in D Minor* and Mozart's *Regina Coeli*.

Recent operatic roles in Canada include **Schaunard** with Edmonton Opera (*La Boheme*), **Baron Dauphol** in Vancouver Opera's May 2011 production of *La Traviata*, and **Escamillo** to Julie Nesrallah's "*Carmen Unbound*" in Ottawa.

Displaying his passion for contemporary music, Benjamin premiered the role of **George** in Dean Burry's CBC Radio serial opera *Baby Kintyre*, sang in R. Murray Schafer's *Princess of the Stars* and performed in Peter Hatch's *Guerrilla Sound Works* at Les Escales de Montreal Improbables. In addition, he has sung lead roles in workshops of both Bramwell Tovey's *The Inventor* for Calgary Opera and John Estacio's *Lillian Alling* for Vancouver Opera.

This season, Benjamin joins Julie Nesrallah in a duo recital for Brockville Centre for the Arts, and premieres several new works with Tapestry New Opera in their *Opera Briefs* and *Pub Operas*. In January, the National Arts Centre Orchestra will feature Mr. Covey as **Papageno** in the family concert "*The Mozart Experience*".

Benjamin looks forward to portraying **Captain Gardiner** in Calgary Opera's Canadian premiere of Jake Heggie's *Moby Dick*.

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