



Nicolas Rigas, Bass-Baritone

Actor and singer Nicolas Rigas made his theatrical debut at age of 10 in the role of Puck in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* on tour with the Theatre du Petit Monde. He subsequently assumed numerous leading roles such as Rodrigue in *The Cid*, Eddy in *Greek*, Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*, and was accepted into the National School of Theater (E.N.S.A.T.T) then later into the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art of London. He was nominated for the 'A.D.A.M.I. Cannes Talent Award 2002 "

He studied singing with Mireille ALCANTARA (National superior Conservatory of Musique of Paris) and later with international singer Serguej LARIN (Opera of Paris, Metropolitan of New York, La Scala of Milan) and has won several awards for his singing.

Recently he has sung the roles of Figaro and the Count in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Leporello in *Don Giovanni*, Papageno in *The Magic Flute*, Jupiter in *Orphée aux Enfers*, Ben in *The Telephone*.

In 2008, he sang Papageno of *The Magic Flute* at the Theatre du Gymnase in Paris and at the Theatre du Châtelet, Guglielmo from *Così fan Tutte* in Fontainebleau Castle.

He was discovered during the production of the *Tales of Hoffmann* at the Sénat in Paris, staged by JULIE DEPARDIEU, where he sang the four Devils.

Last season, he sang the role of the Nephew in the zarzuela *The Nephews of Captain Grant* at the National Opera of Nancy, as well as Falke in *Die Fledermaus* by STRAUSS in the Opera of Clermont-Ferrand.

This season he will perform as the bass soloist in the the *Small Solemn Mass* by Rossini, accompanied by the chorus Vittoria. In May, he became a laureate of the international ARMEL opera competition. In June and July, he sang and played Argan in the *Imaginary Invalid* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier/ Molière in the Versailles Castle and at the Avignon Festival and he will perform Verloc from *The Secret Agent* at the Center of Contemporary Opera in NEW YORK in August.

Last June, The FIGARO Newspaper called him: a "Revelation" and a "Heartbreaker"!

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