

# Joshua Conyers, Baritone



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## Upcoming Performances

Porgy	<i>Porgy and Bess: Concert of Songs</i>	Wolf Trap Opera (National Orchestral Institute)	Jun 2019
Ramiro	<i>L'heure espagnole</i>	Wolf Trap Opera (National Orchestral Institute)	Jun 2019
Musiklehrer	<i>Ariadne auf Naxos</i>	Wolf Trap Opera	Jul 2019

## Roles Performed

Zaretsky	<i>Eugene Onegin</i>	Washington National Opera	2019
Le Roi Marc	<i>Le Vin Herbé</i>	Washington Concert Opera/Wolf Trap Opera	2019
Donkey	<i>The Lion, The Unicorn, and Me</i>	Washington National Opera	2018
British Major	<i>Silent Night</i>	Washington National Opera	2018
Giorgio Germont	<i>La traviata</i>	Washington National Opera	2018
The Reverend	<i>Blue (Workshop)</i>	The Glimmerglass Festival	2018
Monterone	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Wolf Trap Opera	2018
Count Capulet	<i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Wolf Trap Opera	2018
Captain/Judge #2	<i>Candide</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2018
Sciarrone	<i>Tosca</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2018
Marullo	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2017
Yamadori	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2017

## Roles Covered

Rigoletto	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Wolf Trap Opera	2018
Conte Almaviva	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2018
Scarpia	<i>Tosca</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2018
Eustachio	<i>L'assedio di Calais</i> (Donizetti)	Glimmerglass Festival	2017
Porgy	<i>Porgy and Bess</i>	Glimmerglass Festival	2017
Rigoletto	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2017
Sharpless	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Palm Beach Opera	2017
Falstaff	<i>Falstaff</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2016

## Concert/Recital

<i>Declassified Concert</i>	National Symphony Orchestra	2019
<i>Requiem, Op. 9</i> (Maurice Duruflé)	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts	2018
<i>Songfest</i> (Bernstein)	Wolf Trap Opera (National Orchestral Institute)	2018
<i>Te Deum</i> (Mark Hayes)	Carnegie Hall	2018
<i>Serenade to Music</i> (R. V. Williams)	Carnegie Hall	2018
Chamber Concert	New Jersey Symphony Orchestra	2017

## Training/Education

Washington National Opera Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist (2018-2019)  
Palm Beach Opera Benson Young Artist (2016-2018)  
Wolf Trap Opera Filene Young Artist (2018)  
The Glimmerglass Festival Young Artist (2017)  
Des Moines Metro Opera Apprentice Artist (2016)  
Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Artist (2013-2014)

UNC School of the Arts - BM in Vocal Performance (2006-2010)  
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music - MM in Vocal Performance (2010-2014)  
A. J. Fletcher Institute - Professional Artist Certificate (2015)

## Conductors

Joseph Colinari  
Renato Palumbo  
Steven Osgood

## Directors

Francesca Zambello  
Tomer Zvulun  
Louisa Muller

## Coaches

Joan Dornemann  
Ken Weiss  
Kathleen Kelly

## Composers

Jeanine Tesori  
Jake Haggie  
Gene Scheer



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## Baritone

Baritone Joshua Conyers has been hailed by *Opera News* with “a deliciously honeyed baritone that would seduce anyone” and *The New York Times* as having “a sonorous baritone” that “wheeled and seduced.” Mr. Conyers, a native of Bronx, NY, is quickly being championed for his captivating performances as he continues to be recognized as one of the promising young dramatic voices of today. Equally active in contemporary opera, Mr. Conyers covered the roles of Mr. Umeya in the American premiere of Huang Ruo's *Dr. Sun Yat-Sen* in Mandarin and Walt Whitman in the world premiere of Theodore Morrison's *Oscar*, both with the Santa Fe Opera.

Mr. Conyers is a member of the Washington National Opera's Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for the 2018-2019 season. Mr. Conyers performed Giorgio Germont in *La traviata*, British Major in *Silent Night*, Donkey in *The Lion, The Unicorn, and Me*, Jason in the world premiere of Matt Boehler's *75 Miles* for the American Opera Initiative, and Zaretsky in *Eugene Onegin*. Joshua performed Le Roi Marc in Frank Martin's *Le Vin Herbé*, a collaboration with Wolf Trap Opera and Washington Concert Opera. In the summer of 2019, Mr. Conyers will be returning as a Filene Young Artist at Wolf Trap Opera performing Porgy in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess: A Concert of Songs* and Ramiro in Maurice Ravel's *L'heure espagnole* with the National Orchestral Institute. Also, Mr. Conyers will be performing Musiklehrer in Richard Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos*. For the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Mr. Conyers fulfilled his residency as a Benenson Young Artist Program at Palm Beach Opera performing Yamadori in *Madama Butterfly*, Marullo in *Rigoletto*, Sciarrone in *Tosca*, Captain in *Candide*, and covering the Conte Almaviva in *Le nozze di Figaro*. Mr. Conyers joined the Glimmerglass Festival in the summer of 2017 covering the roles of Porgy in *Porgy and Bess* and Eustachio in Donizetti's rarely performed *L'assedio di Calais*.

As a concert artist, Mr. Conyers made his Carnegie Hall Debut in 2018 as the Baritone Soloist performing Mozart's *Regina Coeli*, K. 276, Vaughn Williams' *Serenade to Music*, Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* and Mark Hayes' *Te Deum* under the baton of distinguished composer and arranger Mark Hayes with MidAmerica Productions. Also, Joshua made his debut at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 2018 as the Baritone Soloist performing Maurice Duruflé *Requiem* with Manhattan Concert Productions under the baton of conductor Anton Armstrong. In 2019, Mr. Conyers was a Soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra performing with world-renowned Maestro Gianandrea Noseda and singer-songwriter Ben Folds. Also, he was a Guest Artist at Opera Wilmington/UNC Wilmington annual Opera Symposium, in celebration of Caterina Jarboro, in conjunction with Black History Month as a Recitalist and presenting a Masterclass. Mr. Conyers opened the 2017-18 season in a gala performance with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Additional concert and oratorio credits include Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, Handel's *Messiah*, Brahms' *Deutsches Requiem*, Gabriel Fauré *Requiem in D minor*, Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem*, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

Mr. Conyers has fulfilled young artist residencies with Palm Beach Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater, and the Martina Arroyo Foundation's Prelude to Performance program. His numerous vocal competition and award credits include Metropolitan Opera National Council District Winner (2010, 2011 & 2015), Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Encouragement Award Winner, Catherine Filene Shouse Career Grant Award Winner, Career Bridges Grant Award Winner, S. Livingston Mather Scholar Competition Top Prize Winner, the Charlotte Opera Guild Competition Top Prize Winner, and the Heafner/Williams Vocal Competition Top Prize Winner.

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## **75 Miles, Washington National Opera's American Opera Initiative**

*"Joshua Conyers's tender baritone and beautifully nuanced phrasing fleshed out the role of Avery's empathetic father."*

Tim Smith, Opera News

## **Le Vin Herbé, Washington Concert Opera/Wolf Trap Opera**

*"The Marc, Joshua Conyers, has been developing admirably at Wolf Trap and in the Domingo-Cafritz program, gaining in authority and vocal power each time I hear him."*

Anne Midgette, *The Washington Post*

## **Rigoletto, Wolf Trap Opera**

*"Baritone Joshua Conyers howled with indignation as the affronted Monterone, cursing the Duke for seducing his daughter. Washingtonians can look forward to hearing him again this fall in the young artist program at Washington National Opera."*

Charles T. Downey, *Washington Classical Review*

## **Rigoletto, Wolf Trap Opera**

*"Joshua Conyers was powerful as the embittered Monterone[.]"*

Anne Midgette, *The Washington Post*

## **Roméo et Juliette, Wolf Trap Opera**

*"Joshua Conyers enriched the role of Capulet with a refined baritone."*

Tim Smith, Opera News

## **Candide, Palm Beach Opera**

*"And the baritone Joshua Conyers, in his few lines as the Ship Captain, offered a big, plush baritone that will be worth hearing at greater length when he gets a substantial role."*

Greg Stepanich, *Palm Beach Arts Paper*

## **Rigoletto, Palm Beach Opera**

*"In other roles, standouts were Joshua Conyers as Marullo, leader of the mob with an attractive booming baritone."*

Rex Hearn, *Palm Beach Arts Paper*

*"Joshua Conyers displayed luxuriant baritone sound in the few lines allotted to Marullo..."*

Robert Croan, *Palm Beach Daily News*

## **Carmina Burana (Orff), UNCSA Symphony and Chorale**

*"(Carmina Burana) The largest part of the solos came the way of Joshua Conyers, an imposing tall singer with a gorgeous and malleable baritone voice with which he was able to herald spring (and her fever) as well as coax us into believing he was the drunken Abbot of Cockaigne. Each time I hear this voice, it reveals new possibilities. This is a real talent to follow!"*

Joseph Andrew Newsome, *Voix des Arts*

## **Don Giovanni, Martina Arroyo Foundation's Prelude to Performance**

*"Conyers poured forth a deliciously honeyed baritone that would seduce anyone. If his characterization was more hearty than suave, he still effortlessly summoned up a laser--beam look that communicated hidden danger and volatility."*

Joanne Sydney Lessner, Opera News

*"In the title role Joshua Conyers sang with a sonorous baritone as he wheedled and seduced, his flattery sometimes giving way to violence."*

Vivien Schweitzer, *The New York Times*