

JOSHUA ZABATTA

Tenor

BIOGRAPHY

Joshua Zabatta, tenor, never imagined that singing while driving a tractor on a Montana farm, where he grew up, would eventually lead to a promising career in opera. Although originally studying for a career in broadcasting, Joshua was lured into the world of opera when he was invited to participate in the Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute.

Since emerging onto the professional scene, Mr. Zabatta has been praised for his dynamic storytelling and his full, warm voice described by audiences as "audible chocolate." After a concert with the Bach Society of St. Louis, Sarah Bryan Miller of the St. Louis Post Dispatch described Joshua as "a terrific soloist whose performance was a great benefit to the evening." In addition to his multiple solo appearances with the Bach Society, Joshua Zabatta also served as a soloist in Alban Berg's *Wozzeck* with the St. Louis Symphony under the baton of David Robertson.

After relocating to the Colorado, Mr. Zabatta has given performances throughout the Rocky Mountain region which include the *Mass in G* by Carl Maria von Weber, *Oratorio de Noël* by Saint-Saëns, and Beethoven's *Mass in C*. During the 2016-2017 Season, Joshua made his debut with Opera Colorado singing Harry in Puccini's *La Fanciulla del West*. Then, through engagements with Boulder Opera, Mr. Zabatta added two additional roles to his repertoire: Don José in Bizet's *Carmen* and Fernando in *Goyescas* by Granados.

Last season, Mr. Zabatta gave a concert of sacred music as part of the Bosetti Concert Series in Denver, CO, where he performed Benjamin Britten's *Canticle I* and *Canticle II*. He also performed the roles of Harlekin and Ein Soldat in Viktor Ullmann's *Der Kaiser von Atlantis* with the newly formed People's Theatre of Denver.

This year, Joshua was pleased to be a touring artist with Central City Opera, with whom he did a workshop concert of the newly written opera "Lottie Silks" as part of the Write the Rockies conference. An avid music education advocate, Mr. Zabatta teaches and mentors dozens of students in the Denver, CO area. Through piano tuning and repair work, he also helps ensure that families and teachers, especially in rural areas, can have access to quality pianos. You can follow Joshua Zabatta's career through his web site: www.joshuazabatta.com.