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Rodell Rosel

is perhaps the foremost character tenor currently working in the United States.

For the Lyric Opera of Chicago, he has appeared as: as Remendado (*Carmen*), Four Servants (*Les Contes d'Hoffman*), Bardolph (*Falstaff*), Dr. Blind (*Die Fledermaus*), Prince and Man Servant (*Lulu*), Borsa (*Rigoletto*), Major-Domo (*Der Rosenkavalier*), Benvoglio (*Roméo et Juliette*), Second Jew (*Salome*), Spoletta (*Tosca*), Ruiz (*Il Trovatore*), Altoum (*Turandot*), Mime (*Das Rheingold*) and Monostatos (*Die Zauberflöte*).

For the Metropolitan Opera, he has appeared as: Valzacchi (*Der Rosenkavalier*), and as Nathaniel and Franz in their new production of *Les Contes d'Hoffman*.

For Los Angeles Opera, he has appeared as: Bardolph; Goro; Monostatos and Spoletta. For Houston Grand Opera he has appeared as: Mimi in both *Das Rheingold* and *Siegfried*; Goro; Squeak (*Billy Budd*) and Tanzmeister (*Ariadne auf Naxos*).

He has also been engaged by: Florentine Opera; Pittsburgh Opera; the Ravinnia Festival; Tulsa Opera; and Wolf Trap Opera

He has appeared in two world premieres: at Santa Fe Opera as On Chi Seng (*The Letter*); and with Dallas Opera as Anthony Candolino (*Great Scott*).

Recent engagements include: Valzacchi, Mime and Monostatos with the Lyric Opera of Chicago; First Jew (*Salome*) and Spalanzani (*Les Contes d'Hoffmann*) with Los Angeles Opera, and Monostatos and Goro with Seattle Opera.

Future engagements include: Pang with the Lyric Opera of Chicago; Njegus with Florentine Opera; Tanzmeister with Kentucky Opera and his first Loge with Arizona Opera.



Lulu, Lyric Opera of Chicago

Also of particular note was the young tenor Rodell Rosel, who sang the three roles of the Prince, Manservant and Marquis. Awkward in the first act, comical in the second, and menacing in the third, Rodell has a gifted theatrical presence and a clear, ringing top to his voice.

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