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CURTIS BANNISTER

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The 2021 recipient of the Actors Equity Foundation Roger Sturtevant Award and Drama League Award nominee (**Fidelio**), Curtis Bannister has been praised by TimeOut Magazine as “radiating with slowly simmering energy” and a “quiet revelation” by the L.A. Times for his performances in theater, film, and opera.

Last season, Curtis returned to Heartbeat Opera as Chastity in **Slayem: The Witch Trials**, joined INSeries to portray Robert in the workshop of Damien Geter and Jarrod Lee’s new opera **The Delta King’s Blues**, and made his mainstage début with Goodman Theatre in Chicago as Buster in **The Color Purple**. This season, he looks forward to returning to Indianapolis Symphony as duet partner to Heather Headley in a series of Pops concerts throughout the holiday season. He also joins Pensacola Opera as a Gala soloist, returns to Chicago Opera Theater as Severin in **Der Silbersee**, and joins Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in a concert of Broadway repertoire, in addition to a robust schedule of regional theatre engagements.



Curtis recently debuted at Asolo Repertory Theatre to unanimous acclaim for his portrayals as Reverend Jeremiah Brown in the American classic, **Inherit the Wind**, George in Lynn Nottage’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play, **Intimate Apparel**, and Juror #8 in the world premiere production of the musical adaptation of **12 Angry Men** following a sold-out run in Minneapolis. In addition, Curtis debuted at The Kennedy Center as Soloist 1/Celebrant (cover) in Bernstein’s **MASS** for the Center’s 50th Anniversary celebration with the National Symphony and has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony/Cincinnati Pops, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and The Philadelphia Orchestra in Bernstein’s **Candide** alongside Bradley Cooper and Carey Mulligan. Bannister has also performed leading and supporting roles with Lyric Opera of Chicago (**Il trovatore**, **Porgy & Bess**, **Les Troyens**), Sarasota Opera (**I lombardi**, **The Crucible**, **Lucia di Lammermoor**), Heartbeat Opera (**Fidelio**), Utah Festival Opera (Verdi’s **Otello**, **Der fliegende Holländer**, **Vanessa**, **Porgy & Bess**), Atlanta Opera (**Candide**), Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (**Candide**), Chicago Opera Theatre (**La hija de Rappaccini**, **Quamino’s Map**, **The Nose**), and Opera Fairbanks (**Le nozze di Figaro**).

Since 2023, Curtis has been the concert partner of Grammy and Tony-Award Winner Heather Headley. Bannister made his début at the TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL in the feature film **The Conductor** and can be seen as Marquis on Season 2 of the Apple TV+ series, **Dickinson** and Firefighter Reimers in NBC’s **Chicago Fire**. Last fall, Curtis was seen as Enzo on Season 2 of the Netflix hit show **Survival of the Thickest** with Michelle Buteau.

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