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NORMAN SHANKLE

TENOR

American tenor Norman Shankle is currently enjoying worldwide acclaim for his portrayals of Mozart and Rossini's most famous tenors. *The Boston Globe* called Shankle, "a real find, a singer of elegance, grace and conviction," and the *San Francisco Chronicle* praised him equally as "clearly a singer to watch."

In the 2025-2026 season, Mr. Shankle is pleased to return to The Metropolitan Opera as Peter in ***Porgy & Bess*** and début with Orpheus PDX as Publio in ***Il sogno di Scipione***. The 2024-2025 season saw his début with Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for ***Sanctuary Road***, his début with South Florida Symphony in Handel's ***Messiah*** and Mozart's ***Requiem***, his return to Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra for the premiere of ***Home Run Away from Me*** paired with Haydn's ***Lord Nelson Mass***, and a return to National Philharmonic for their ***Messiah***. Previous seasons' engagements include his return to Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra for Saint-Saëns' ***Oratorio de Noël*** and Handel's ***Messiah*** and the National Philharmonic for their ***Messiah***, in addition to ***Elijah*** with the Washington Chorus. Mr. Shankle has also been featured in the National Philharmonic's performances of Berlioz's ***Requiem***, Handel's ***Messiah***, and Adolphus Hailstork's ***Symphony No. 5***; Mozart's ***Requiem*** with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra; ***Messiah*** with Glacier Symphony Orchestra; Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra's ***Classical Christmas*** concert; and ***Sanctuary Road*** with Penn Square Music Festival.



Other notable engagements for Mr. Shankle have included the tenor solo in Mozart's ***Requiem***, Adolphus Hailstork's ***A Knee On a Neck***, and Beethoven's ***Missa Solemnis*** for the National Philharmonic; ***Sanctuary Road*** with North Carolina Opera; ***it all falls down*** and ***The Rift*** for the Washington National Opera; Beethoven's ***Symphony No. 9*** for Helena Symphony; Cassio in ***Otello*** for Pacific Symphony; and the performance and recording of Damien Geter's ***An African American Requiem*** at the Kennedy Center with the Choral Arts Society of Washington. Shankle also returned to Northern Lights Music Festival as Ramiro in ***La Cenerentola*** and performed a gala concert for Knoxville Opera. He sang Lindoro in ***L'italiana in Algeri*** with Opera Memphis and Piedmont Opera, Ferrando in a concert performance of ***Così fan tutte*** with the National Philharmonic at the Kennedy Center, Remus in ***Treemonisha*** with the Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice, Nick in ***La fanciulla del West*** with Opera Colorado, Count Almaviva in ***Il barbiere di Siviglia*** with the Northern Lights Music Festival, the tenor soloist in Atlanta Symphony's performances of Bach's ***Cantata No. 29*** and Vaughn Williams' ***Serenade to Music***, and Handel's ***Messiah*** with Boston Baroque, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, and the National Philharmonic. He also reprised the role of Elder Barber/Gus Greenlee in ***The Summer King***, a new opera that explores the life of Josh Gibson, "one of the greatest Negro League baseball players," with Michigan Opera Theatre — a role he had previously created for Pittsburgh Opera.

Norman's vast international concert experience includes Carlo in Rossini's ***Armida*** and Laios in Enescu's ***Ædipe*** at the Edinburgh International Festival; Handel's ***Saul*** conducted by René Jacobs at Palais de Beaux Arts, Brussels; Tito in ***La clemenza di Tito*** with the Münchener Kammerorchester in Amsterdam; and Britten's ***Serenade for Tenor, Horn & Strings*** with the International Bach Akademie. US symphonic engagements include ***Messiah*** with the Cincinnati Symphony and Houston Symphony Orchestra; Britten's



War Requiem with the San Francisco Choral Society; as well as appearances with the Essen Philharmonic, Choral Arts Society of Washington, and New Century Chamber Orchestra.

Norman began his career with San Francisco Opera's Merola Opera Program and as an Adler Fellow. He made his company mainstage début as Valletto in ***L'incoronazione di Poppea***, and he subsequently appeared in SFO's productions of ***Tristan und Isolde***, ***Don Carlo***, Prokofiev's ***Betrothal in a Monastery***, ***Louise***, ***Lucia di Lammermoor***, ***Idomeneo***, and ***Don Giovanni***. Norman was selected as a winner of the distinguished ARIA award; other awards include a Richard Tucker Career Grant and the McAllister Award.

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