

Rhys Stermer

Tenor

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Rhys Stermer is a dynamic tenor whose voice carries both the precision of classical training and the vibrant expressiveness of the stage. Holding a Bachelor of Music and currently attaining his Master of Music in Voice & Opera Studies from SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Opera, Rhys has cultivated a versatile career spanning opera, musical theatre, and concert performance—and showcasing his dynamic range in both comedic and lyrical repertoire.

Rhys has brought to life roles ranging from the cunning *Arnalta* in Monteverdi's L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA (2025) to the mysterious *Kaspar* in Menotti's AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS (2024). His portrayal of *Tamino* in Mozart's DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE (2023) showcased his lyrical agility, while his turn as the *Hexe* in HÄNSEL UND GRETEL (2023) revealed a flair for dramatic character work. Coupled with his lighter French qualities with *Läerte* in Thomas's HAMLET.

A graduate of SUNY Purchase Conservatory with a Bachelor and completing his Master of Music degrees in Voice & Opera Studies, Stermer has worked under the mentorship of renowned artists such as Jacque Trussel, Hugh Murphy, Bonnie Hamilton, Djordje Nestic, Dr. Sherry Overholt, and Dr. Deborah Montgomery. His operatic scene work includes leading roles like Otello in *Otello* and Alfredo in *La Traviata* (Verdi), Rodolfo in *La bohème*, Fidelio in *Fidelio* (Beethoven), and Nemorino in *L'elisir d'amore* (Donizetti), demonstrating his command across genres.

Whether in opera, sacred music, or theatrical productions, Rhys Stermer's artistry is defined by its warmth, versatility, and unwavering passion for storytelling through song.

#### Press & Performances:

- L'incoronazione di Poppea at Purchase Opera

(<https://operawire.com/purchase-opera-to-present-lincoronazione-di-poppea/>)

- Amahl and the Night Visitors

Kaspar - ([https://www.youtube.com/live/sEXrw\\_67vkQ](https://www.youtube.com/live/sEXrw_67vkQ))

- Hamlet

Läerte - (<https://youtu.be/kzyVf-dpFo8>)

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#### Awards & Links:

Claude Debussy Competition, Paris 2025 - <https://debussycompetitionparis.org/voice-2025/>

Northrup Fine Arts Scholarship Recipient, 2020-2025