

RICHARD TREY
SMAGUR
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Richard Trey Smagur, of Clarkesville, Georgia, has been noted for his “attractive lyric tenor” and “vivid presence” (*Opera Today*) and was named a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in 2017. He makes several significant debuts this summer, including an appearance with Wolf Trap Opera as Tybalt in *Roméo et Juliette* and as the tenor soloist in Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Filene Center. In August, Mr. Smagur will appear alongside Jamie Barton for Mahler’s *Das Lied von der Erde* at The Aspen Music Festival & School under the baton of Patrick Summers.

A current member of the Houston Grand Opera studio, Mr. Smagur’s role and house debuts included Gastone de Letorières in *La traviata*, Young Servant in *Elektra*, and Count Almaviva in select performances of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* at the Miller Outdoor Theater in Houston during the 2017-2018 season. In the same season, Mr. Smagur made his house debut at The Santa Fe Opera as Tsarevitch Gvidon in *The Golden Cockerel*.

In the 2018-19 season, Mr. Smagur will return to The Santa Fe Opera to make his principal role debut as Števa Buryja in *Jenufa*, and will appear with Houston Grand Opera as Steuermann in *The Flying Dutchman* and Parpignol in *La Bohème*. Mr. Smagur will appear with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra for Handel’s *Messiah* in December 2019.

He has appeared professionally as Tamino in *The Magic Flute* with OK Mozart and covered Des Grieux in *Manon* at Des Moines Metro Opera. In concert, he has performed in *Elijah* with the Tucson Desert Song Festival and as a tenor soloist with the Cincinnati Boy Choir. Last summer, he was a fellow at the Steans Music Institute at Ravinia Music Festival. He participated in HGO’s Young Artists Vocal Academy in 2012.

Smagur’s roles during his training at Indiana University include the title role in *Peter Grimes*, B.F. Pinkerton in *Madame Butterfly*, Don José in *Carmen*, Tamino in *The Magic Flute*, and Ralph Rackstraw in *H.M.S. Pinafore*.