

# Stafford Law

## Joseph Gaines

is a versatile character tenor, critically acclaimed for his beautifully sung, dramatically compelling performances.

Joseph Gaines trained at the University of Houston, under Joseph Evans, and at the Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Leipzig, under Christina Wartenburg.

For Opera Philadelphia he has sung: Monostatos; The Inspector (*Oscar*); Pong, and, most recently, Dan Leno in the world première of Elizabeth Cree.

He has appeared with the Pittsburgh Opera as: Pedrillo (*Die Entführung aus dem Serail*); Caius (*Falstaff*); Goro, Pong and Basilio.

For Central City Opera, he has sung: Goro; Basilio, and Howard Boucher (*Dead Man Walking*).

With Utah Opera, he has appeared as: Basilio; Pong; and Goro; whilst with Opera Colorado he has performed Monastatos and Trin (*La fanciulla del west*).

Further US engagements include: the Four Servants and Belfiore (*La finta giardiniera*) for Opera Theater Pittsburgh; Goro for Opera Las Vegas; Third Jew with the Philadelphia Orchestra; Bardolfo (*Falstaff*) and Monostatos for Indianapolis Opera; Pong for Virginia Opera; the Four Servants for Hawaii Opera Theater; Beppe and Goro for Regina Opera, and Pontio Pilato (*Das Liebesverbot*) and Mercury (*Orphée aux enfers*) for Glimmerglass Opera.

In season 13/14, he joined the roster of the Metropolitan Opera for their production of *Falstaff*.

Season 17/18 engagements include Dan Leno in the world première of *Elizabeth Cree* at Opera Philadelphia, *Flask (Moby Dick)* at Utah Opera, and Pang with San Diego Opera.



### Opera Philadelphia/Elizabeth Cree

*The brilliantly written part of the melancholy comic Dan Leno - half Sportin' Life, half Cabaret M.C., with a superimposed Brittenesque tinta - offered a field day to light tenor Joseph Gaines, who met the challenge with vocal skill and superb physicality.*

David Shengold, Opera News

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