

WALTERI TORIKKA

BARITONE



EDUCATION

Pedagogical studies for teachers in the Arts
Estill level 1&2 and Estill in Opera
Master of Music, Opera
Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Music, Opera
Exchange student & MMus student (opera)
Vocal pedagogy studies
Bachelor of Music, church & vocal music
Matriculation examination
Piano & voice lessons

University of Arts Helsinki/Sibelius Academy (teacher training) 2020-22
Anne Marie Speed (and Tim Richards) 2022
Sibelius-Academy University of music 2008-2012
Royal Danish Opera Academy 2009-2012
Karlsruhe Hochschule für Musik 2008-2009
Stadia, University of Applied Sciences 2006-2008
Sibelius-Academy University of music 2004-2008
Tampere Arts-Oriented Senior Secondary School 2000-2003
Tampere Conservatory of Music 1991-2004

PRIZES & AWARDS

Bayreuther Festspiele, Wagner Scholarship 2021 (Richard Wagner Society Finland)
Independent entrepreneur of the year in Helsinki 2020
Debut artist of the year, Finnish Grammy Nominee 2016
Young Musician of the year 2014 (Pro Musica Foundation Finland)
Emmerich Smola Förderpreis -finals 2014 (SWR Fernsehen concert & tv documentary)
Martti Talvela Award 2013
1st prize, "Lappeenrannan laulukilpailut" National voice Competition 2010
HSBC-laureate 2009, Academie de Mozart, Festival d'Aix-en-provence

VOICE TEACHERS

Ryland Davies 2016-2021,
Irja Auroora 2015, John Evans 2013-2014,
Kirsten Buhl Møller 2011-2012,
Susanna Eken 2009-11,
Roland Hermann 2008-9,

VOCAL COACHES:

Fiona MacSherry,
Paul Farrington,
Dale Fundling
Jeffrey Goldberg,
Christen Stubbe Teglbjærg etc.

Pekka Kähkönen 2004-2008

Kari Nousiainen 2001-2004

MASTERCLASSES

Julia Varady, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Helmut Deutsch, Jose Van Dam, Udo Reinemann, Elisabeth Werres, Mikael Eliassen, Carlo Allemano, Christian Badea, Karita Mattila, Monica Groop, Jaakko Ryhänen, Mirella Freni, Thierry Niang (dance & movement) etc.

RECORDINGS

- Classical recital album for Alba Records -24
- with Jyväskylä Symphony (WMF): Joulukuu (xmas) single -21, Sydämeni joulukuu -18 (Xmas album charts no.1), Rakkaus -16 (gold), Sydän -15 (platinum)
- (Warner MF): Toivo -21, Waltteri Torikka Trio - Sininen Uni - Tapio Rautavaara songs -17 (folk album of the year by Helsingin Sanomat)
- with Tuula Hällström & Mari Palo (independent label): Ilkka kuusisto songs -19.
- Gounod: Faust (role: Wagner, Naxos 2019)
- with the Turku Symphony Orchestra & Leif Segerstam: Sibelius album (Naxos) -14

ORCHESTRAS

BBC Symphony Orchestra, Lahti Symphony orchestra, Finnish Radio Symphony orchestra, Ostrobotnian chamber orchestra, Deutsche Radio Philharmonie, Tapiola Symphony orch., Camerata Salzburg, Turku Philharmonic o., Royal Danish o., Aalborg Symphony o., Aarhus Symphony o., Odense Symphony o., Tampere Symphony o., Jyväskylä Symphony o., Oulu Symphony o., Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra etc.

CONDUCTORS

Esa-Pekka Salonen, Leif Segerstam, Sakari Oramo, Santtu-Matias Rouvali, Mikko Franck, Louis Langrée, Michael Boder, Ville Matvejeff, Michael Balke, Risto Joost, Marc Soustrot, Pinchas Steinberg, Dalia Stasevska, Alberto Hold-Garrido, Hannu Lintu, Sakari Oramo etc.

DIRECTORS

Peter Sellars, Stefan Herheim, John Ramster, Immo Karaman, Emmanuelle Cordoliani, Alfonso Romero, Erik Söderblom, Ville Saukkonen, Vilppu Kiljunen, Jussi Nikkilä, Marco Bjurström etc.

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Finnish, English, Swedish. Very Good: German. Good: French, Italian, Norwegian, Danish

UPCOMING ROLES & CONCERT ENGAGEMENTS (selected)

Sillanpää & Art.dir.	Korpijaakko: Ihmiset Suviyössä	world premier, Hämeenkyrö Festival Opera -23
Papageno	Mozart: Die Zauberflöte	Savonlinna Opera Festival, -23

PERFORMED ROLES

Topi	Sallinen: Punainen Viiva (Red line)	Turku City Theatre, -23
Guglielmo	Mozart: Così Fan Tutte	Vaasa Opera, dir: Söderblom, cond: Matvejeff, -21/22, FNO dir: Altstaedt, -18
Danilo	Lehar: Lustige Witwe	FNO, -20

Baritone	Mozart: Covid fan tutte	Finnish National Opera, -20 (world premier/cond. E-P Salonen, cast: K.Mattila etc.)
Morales	Bizet: Carmen	Tampere Opera -20 (Escamillo cover), Savonlinna Opera Festival -14
Schaunard	Puccini: La Boheme	Tampere Opera -19, Royal Danish Opera -10
Sports addict	Rantala: Pikaparantola	world premier, Finnish National Opera on tour, dir: Sid, -18
Escamillo	Bizet: Carmen	Jyväskylä Opera -18
Amfortas	Wagner: Parsifal	Turku Music Festival (concertante with K.Mattila, M.Salminen, K.F.Vogt etc.) -17
Ratsutilallinen	Sallinen: Ratsumies	Pori Opera -17
Marquis Kristofer	Raitio: Princess Cecilia	RSO Finland, Helsinki Festival (dir: Lintu) -17
Sillanpää & art.dir.	Pohjola: Sillanpää (opera)	world premier, Hämeenkyrö Festival, -17, -18, artistic director
Mannerheim	Kantelinen: Mannerheim	world premier, Ilmajoki Festival, -17, -18, -19
Köysti	Madetoja: Ostrobothnians	Tampere Opera, -17
Onegin	Tchaikovsky: Yevgeni Onegin	Croatian National Opera of Ivan pl. Zajc in Rijeka -16
Papageno	Mozart: Die Zauberflöte	Åbo Swedish Theatre -15, Finnish National Opera -12
Don Giovanni	Mozart: Don Giovanni	Savonlinna Opera Festival -16, Croatian National Opera in Rijeka -15, Helsinki Festival/NGO -13, Royal Danish Opera Academy -12
Kullervo	Sibelius: Kullervo	BBC SO, BBC Proms, RoyalAlbertHall -15 & Lahti Sibelius Festival -15 (Oramo)
Harashta	Janacek: Cunning Little Vixen	Finnish National Opera, -15
Marcello	Puccini: La Boheme	Danish National Opera on tour, -14
Yamadori	Puccini: Madame Butterfly	Savonlinna Opera Festival, -14
Pilate	Lloyd Webber: Jesus Christ Superstar	Åbo Svenska Theatre -14
Figaro	Mozart: Le Nozze di Figaro	Åbo Swedish Theatre, -13
Belcore	Donizetti: L'elisir d'amore	FNO 2013
Silvio	Leoncavallo: I Pagliacci	FNO 2013
Robin Hood	Linkola: Robin Hood	FNO 2013
D'Obigny	Verdi: La Traviata	FNO 2013
Marullo	Verdi: Rigoletto	FNO 2012
Silvano	Verdi: Un Ballo in Maschera	FNO 2012
Melot	Wagner: Tristan & Isolde	Helsinki Festival, RSO Finland (dir: Sellars, cond: Salonen) -12
Perishaud	Puccini: La Rondine	Baltic Sea Festival, Stockholm Concert Hall, -12, Finnish National Opera, -13
Demetrius	Britten: Midsummer nights dream	Finnish National Opera -11
Journalist	Berg: Lulu	Royal danish Opera Academy -11
2nd commissaire	Poulenc: Dialogues des Carmelites	Royal Danish Opera, (dir: Herheim) -10
Herastuomari	Madetoja: Ostrobothnians	Royal Danish Opera Academy (Marquis de la Force - COVER)-10
Vorotov	Raasakka: Kohtalokkaat oppitunnit	Finnish National Opera, -09
Masetto	Mozart: Don Giovanni	World premier, Sibelius Academy Festival, -08
Kuigu Siim	Pylkkänen: Batsheba Saarenmaalla	Sibelius Academy Opera, -08
Riccioni&Rissonen	Rautavaara :The House of the Sun	Kumu Hall Estonia, -08
Motel Kamzoil	Bock: Fiddler on the Roof	Sibelius Academy Opera, -07
Vater	Humperdinck: Hänsel&Gretel	Opera Verso, -07
		Stadia Opera -07, Siba opera -07

CONCERTS_(selected)

Concert tour	Cinema Paradiso, film music	Helsinki Police Symphony Orchestra, -23
Concert	Arias and songs	Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, May -23
Jesus	J.S.Bach: Johannespassion	Tampere Cathedral, Pirkan Pojat & Sympaatti choir, Hyvinkää orchestra -23

Bass	Bach: Weihnachtsoratorium	Vaasa City Orchestra, -22
Amore	Concert tour	12 venues and concert halls in Finland, -22
Soloist	Valtonen: World premier	Pirkan Pojat Anniversary Concert, Tampere Hall, autumn -22
Mahler & Mozart	Mahler Kindertotenlieder and Mozart arias	Crusell Music Festival (with Lappeenranta City Orchestra) -22
Bass Arias	J.S.Bach: Mätthausspassion	Novi Stad (Capital of Culture of EU/Orfelin BACH project) & Belgrad -22
Soloist	Ice hockey world champion celebration	Tampere City Frenckell Square -17, -19 (<i>+35000-40000 audience</i>)
Soloist	Arena concerts with Jarkko Ahola	Hartwall Arena, Warner Music live Finland, -17, -18, -19,
Elijah	Mendelssohn: Elijah	Jyväskylä Symphony -17
Bass solo	Handel: Messiah	Ostrobothnian Chamber Orchestra, cond: Oramo, -15
Soloist	Selection of Sibelius songs	Turku Philharmonic, dir: Segerstam, (Recording: Naxos), -14
Bass solo	Janacek: Glagolitic mass	Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, -14
Bass solo	Beethoven: the 9th Symphony	Jyväskylä Symphony, -14

SOME ADDITIONAL CONCERTS (selected)

Concert oulu symphony 2017 dir. Heikki Elo

Christmas concert Kymi Sinfonietta 2015

Bass solo	Faure: Requiem	Tampere Dom church, Pirkan Pojat boy choir -12
Jesus	J.S.Bach: Johannes Passion (staged production)	Tromsø Cathedral -11
Bass solo	Mozart:Requiem	Copenhagen Orchestra -11
Bass solo	Bach: Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen	BWV56 Ostrobothnian Chamber orchestra 2011
Soloist	"HSBC-laureates 2009" -concerts & schumann project	Festival d' Aix-en-Provence., Paris, Lille, Dijon Opera etc. -09-11
Soloist	Bach: Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht BWV211	Kuhmo Chamber music festival -10
Soloist	Ravel: Don quichotte a dulcinee	Finnish Radio Orchestra 2009/Young soloist concert -09

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Artistic director of Hämeenkyrö Festival (Opera) 2017-

Cultural Gala Finland, awards committee member 2021-2023. Selector of The Finlandia prize for cartoon 2023

3rd prize, Dancing with the stars 2021, primetime tv show, MTV3 Finland 2021.

2nd prize Masked Singer, primetime tv show, MTV3 Finland 2021

1st prize "Tähdet Tähdet" ("Stars Stars") primetime tv show, MTV3 Finland 2015

Finnish Champion in Rock lyrics 2002