

Vita

German Heldentenor, Stefan Vinke, graduated as a church musician at the Cologne College of Music before beginning his professional singing career in Karlsruhe and Krefeld / Mönchengladbach. In 1999 he was awarded the position of 'Young Heroic Tenor' at the Nationaltheater Mannheim where in 2000 he was voted 'Male Newcomer of the Year' by Opernwelt magazine.

Globally renowned as an interpreter of Wagner's great tenor roles, he has sung the title roles of Tristan, Siegfried, Tannhäuser, Parsifal, Lohengrin and Rienzi, also Siegmund in *Die Walküre*, Siegfried in *Götterdämmerung*, Erik *Der Fliegende Holländer*, and Walther von Stolzing *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Stefan Vinke was Tristan in two productions, Siegfried (Siegfried and *Götterdämmerung*) and Walther von Stolzing at the Bayreuth Festival.

His numerous Ring cycle appearances include the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden with Sir Antonio Pappano, the Metropolitan Opera, New York, Wiener Staatsoper, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Salzburg- and Bayreuth festival and Bayerische Staatsoper under Kiril Petrenko, Barcelona, Venice, Köln, Bukarest, Budapest, Melbourne...

He has also sung the title role of Idomeneo, Florestan *Fidelio*, Bacchus *Ariadne*, Menelas *Die Ägyptische Helena*, Paul *Die tote Stadt*, Alviano *Die Gezeichneten*, and Jim Mahony *Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny* in the theatres of Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Munich, Paris, Montpellier, Lisbon, Barcelona, Venice, Madrid, Sydney, Beijing, Geneva, Chicago, Seattle, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and at the Salzburg Festival.

Plans for 22/23 include the title roles of *Tristan und Isolde* for Seattle Opera, *Tannhäuser* for the Royal Opera House, *Siegfried* for Stuttgart Staatsoper, as well as a return to the Müpa in Budapest as Siegfried in the *Ring Cycle*. On the concert platform he joins Benjamin Zander and the Boston Philharmonic for a performance of *Das Lied von der Erde*, and sings the title role of *Tannhäuser* in a concert performance for Opera Australia. Further ahead, Stefan returns to Opera Australia for the new production of their Ring Cycle at Brisbane.