Pete Thanapat - Bass-Baritone

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Pete Thanapat, a Thai Bass-Baritone was born in Bangkok, Thailand in 1995. He is a member of the Lyon Opera Studio from 2022 to 2024. Pete had the privilege of participating in the Young Singers Project at the Salzburg Festival in 2022.

He completed his Master's degree at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, studying in the esteemed class of world-famous sopranos KS. Krassimira Stoyanova and in the Lied class of KS. Angelika Kirchschlager. Pete obtained his Bachelor's degree from Mozarteum University Salzburg, where he studied under the guidance of Prof. Mario Diaz and Prof. Pauliina Tukiainen.

In 2020, Pete Thanapat participated in the Final round of the renowned 2022 Neue Stimmen Competition. He won the 2nd prize in the 26th Ferruccio Tagliavino International Singing Competition and was a finalist in the 40th Belvedere International Singing Competition in 2022. Additionally, Pete won the Perry Nelson prize in the 11th International Hilde Zadek Singing Competition and was a finalist in the 6th Otto Edelmann International Singing Competition. He was chosen as one of the participants in the SWR Junge Opernstars 2023 in Kaiserslautern and Landau, Germany.

Pete recently performed as Holzhacker in Humperdinck's Königskinder at the Tirol festival 2023. He features in various operas in his season 2023/24 at the Opera de Lyon, including roles such as Der Einarmige in Die Frau ohne Schatten, Quinault in Adriana Lecouvreur, Larkens in La fanciulla del West, and Don Pedro in Beatrice et Benedict.

During his first season (2022-2023) at the Opera Studio of Lyon, Pete successfully performed the role of Biterolf in Tannhäuser, covered the role of Phanuel, and portrayed Grand Prête in Hérodiade. He also portrayed Tsar Ivan, Inquisitor, Crouper, and Señor in Candide, concluding his first season with the role of Antonio in Le nozze di Figaro.

In his time in the Young Singers Project in Salzburg, Pete performed the title role of der Teufel in Der Teufel mit den drei goldenen Haare by Stefan Hanke. He also presented a public masterclass with Malcolm Martineau and had the opportunity to work with Piotr Beczala.

Pete made his international debut in 2014 as Maestro Spinelloccio and Nataio in Gianni Schicchi with the Sommer Opera in Bergen, Norway. During his younger years, he performed in several university productions, including roles such as il Conte in Le nozze di Figaro, Ottone in L'incoronazione di Poppea, Marcello in La bohème, and Belcore in L'elisir d'amore. He was a regular guest soloist at the Salzburg Dom Cathedral.

Pete started studying at a music college at the age of 15 in Thailand before moving to Salzburg, Austria at the age of 18. He has received extensive education both theoretically and practically. He is a native Thai speaker and is fluent in both English and German. Additionally, he has a good level of proficiency in Italian and possesses basic knowledge of French and Russian.