# **Alexander Hurd**, baritone

### **EDUCATION**

Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, OH

- Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance with a cognate in Music Theory, December 2009 Thesis: "From a Peacock to Apocope: An Examination of Maurice Ravel's Text Setting in the *Histoires naturelles*, *L'Heure espagnole* and Other Pre-WWI Vocal Works"
- Master of Music in Voice Performance, December 2001

Stuttgart Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst, Stuttgart, Germany

• Fulbright Grant, 1998-1999

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

- Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, 1998
- Bachelor of Arts in Modern European History, 1998

### **MAJOR TEACHERS**

- James Mismas
- Barbara Honn
- Dr. Robert C. White

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- St. Anselm College: Adjunct Instructor of Voice, 2017-2018
- Baldwin Wallace University: Adjunct Instructor of Voice, 2014-2017
- SUNY-Fredonia: Adjunct Instructor of Voice, 2011-2014
- University at Buffalo: Assistant Professor of Music, 2004-2011
- SUNY-Potsdam: Visiting Teacher of Voice, 2002-03

### **TEACHING**

Teacher of Applied Voice 2002-2003, 2004-present French Diction and Literature 2016, 2017
German Diction and Literature 2016, 2017
Phonetics (Intro to Foreign Language Diction) 2015-2017
Graduate Seminar in Vocal Pedagogy 2009
Who's Afraid of Opera? (Opera for Non-Musicians) 2008
French and German Diction 2008, 2010
Scandinavian and Russian Art Song 2006

## INTERNSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

NATS Intern Program, 2008

Steans Institute Fellowship at the Ravinia Festival, 2006

Joy In Singing Award, 2005

Tanglewood Music Center Fellowship, 2004 and 2005

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Young Concert Artists International Competition, 2004

CEC-Artslink Grant for Recital and Lecture Tour of American Art Song in Slovenia April, 2003

Aspen Music Festival Vocal Performance Studies Fellowship, 2002 Fulbright Grant: "The Lied" to Stuttgart, Germany 1998-1999

Phi Kappa Lambda Music Honors Society, 1998

### **RECORDINGS**

Cantos: Music of Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon

2010 Juan Trigos, conductor Bridge Records, 9375

Shadow of the Blues: Songs by John Musto

2009 Jacob Greenberg, piano Centaur Records, CRC-3000

### **SELECTED CONCERTS and RECITALS (2006-2018)**

A Forest Unfolding

August 18, 2018 Portland, ME

Portland Chamber Music Festival

Bach, Brahms, and 'Paganiniana'

August 16, 2018 Portland, ME

Bach: Cantata 32

Portland Chamber Music Festival

A Forest Unfolding

August 12, 2018 Peterborough, NH

World premiere by Eric Garner, Stephen Jaffe, Eric Moe and Melinda Wagner

Electric Earth Concerts

Les années folles

March 21, 2018 Poulenc: *Le bestiaire* with Nicholas Pothier

Upper Valley Music Center Faculty Showcase

March 17, 2018 Poulenc: *Le bestiaire* with Jane Helms, piano

Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings (http://concordchorale.org)

December 8, 9, and 10

with Kristofer Johnson, conductor and the Concord Chorale

bass soloist

Cincinnati Song Initiative (https://www.cincinnatisonginitiative.org)

January 28, 2017

Survey of Les Six: The New Aesthetic

Durey and Poulenc Le bestiaire and Poulenc: Chansons gaillardes

Pittsburgh Song Collaborative (http://www.pghsong.org/)

November 10, 2016 Pittsburgh, PA Shakespeare in Song, Song in Shakespeare

with Jennifer Aylmer, soprano; Benjamin Binder, piano; Joseph M. Ortiz, scholar

Fauré Requiem (https://trinitycleveland.org/)

March 25, 2016 Trinity Cathedral Cleveland

baritone solo

Todd Wilson, conductor

Music at Close Range

April 19, 2015 121 Ludlow Street #2, New York, NY 10002

Fujikura: My Letter to the World (US Premiere)

with Jacob Greenberg, piano

SUNY-Fredonia School of Music (http://www.fredonia.edu/music/)

April 16, 2014

Bach: St. John Passion, Jesus

Fredonia College Choir and Chamber Choir

Gerald Gray, conductor

Buffalo Chamber Players (www.buffalochamberplayers.org)

October 2, 2013 Buffalo, NY

Barber: Dover Beach

with members of the Buffalo Philharmonic

SUNY-Fredonia School of Music (http://www.fredonia.edu/music/)

September 22, 2013 Fredonia, NY
Fredonia, NY
Fredonia, NY
Fredonia, Pritten

Faculty Recital: Works of Benjamin Britten

Folksongs and Songs and Proverbs of William Blake with Alison d'Amato, piano and faculty colleagues

Britten at 100

July 7, 2013 Cincinnati, OH

Britten: Let the Dreadful Engines of Eternal Will; Canticle IV

with Marco Panuccio, tenor and Julie Spangler, piano

Solo Recital at Buffalo State College (music.buffalostate.edu)

April 11, 2013 Buffalo, NY

Dennis: When it rains... (world premiere); Musto: Selected Songs; Cage: Aria; Bolcom: Cabaret Songs

Thomas Rosenkranz, piano

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra (www.wnyco.org)

October 28, 2012 Fredonia, NY

Bach: Ich habe genug Glenn Cortese, conductor

The Norwalk Symphony (www.norwalksymphony.org)

December 16, 2011 Norwalk, CT

Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Jonathan Yates, conductor

Concerts in the Heights (www.concertsintheheights.org)

November 10, 2011 New York, NY

Dennis: October Maples (world premiere); Kramer-Johansen: Leonor de Carvajal Songs (world premiere);

Dennis: Peaceable Kingdom; Kramer-Johansen: Askeladden

with Karl Kramer-Johansen, French horn; Monica Bauchwitz, violin; Ieva Jokubaviciute, piano

Pittsburgh Song Collaborative (http://www.pghsong.org/)

November 6, 2011 Pittsburgh, PA

The Singing Serpent: Songs about Animals (program written by Alexander Hurd)

with Laura Knoop Very, soprano; Benjamin Binder, piano; Karen Roethlisberger Verm, piano

University at Buffalo (http://www.slee.buffalo.edu)

April 13, 2010 Buffalo, NY

Premiere of Marcel Tyberg's Liederzyklus aus Heinrich Heine's Lyrisches Intermezzo

with Tony Arnold, soprano, and Alison d'Amato, piano

Society for New Music (www.societyfornewmusic.org)

October 18, 2009 Syracuse, NY

Kernis: Infinite Sky, Brilliant Sky

Percussion Group Cincinnati (www.pgcinfo.com/PGC.html)

February 13, 2009 Oberlin, OH

Cage: Credo in Us

Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra (www.ngsymphony.com/)

October 19, 2008 Newark, OH

Copland: Old American Songs

Timothy Weiss, conductor

Minato Mirai Hall (www.yaf.or.jp/mmh/index-e.html)

March 12, 2008 Yokohama, Japan

Lieder recital featuring songs by Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Zemlinsky, Eisler, and Mahler with Nobuko Amemiya, piano

Chicago Symphony Orchestra MusicNow (www.cso.org)

April 23, 2007 Chicago, IL

Ligeti: *Nouvelles Aventures* Ludovic Morlot, conductor

New York Recital Debut

March 5, 2006 Merkin Hall, NYC

Schoenberg, Schubert, Wolf, Ravel, Musto River Songs (New York Premiere)

Jacob Greenberg, piano

### **SELECTED OPERATIC ROLES**

Harbison: A Full Moon in March; semi-staged performance; role of The Swineherd)

Buffalo Chamber Players (www.buffalochamberplayers.org)

March 20, 2013 Buffalo, NY

Monteverdi: Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda; concert performance; role of Testo

Buffalo Chamber Players (www.buffalochamberplayers.org)

May 26, 2010 Buffalo, NY

Britten: A Midsummer Night's Dream; David Kneuss, director; role of Starveling

Tanglewood Music Center (www.bso.org)

August, 2004 Lenox, MA

Argento: Casanova's Homecoming; Stefano Vizioli, director; Marc Gibson, conductor; role of Lorenzo

Opera Theater of Lucca Lucca, Italy

July, 2003

Mozart: Così fan tutte; Michael McConnell, director; Ted Taylor, conductor; role of Guglielmo

Opera Theater of Lucca Barga, Italy

July, 2000

#### **Recent Reviews**

American Record Guide November/December 2013

"Hurd displayed a nice lyric sound."

The Buffalo News, October 3, 2013

"Barber's song for "medium voice" and string quartet featured a fine performance from baritone Alexander Hurd."

Music in Cincinnati, July 8, 2013

"Let the dreadful engines,' from 'The Comical History of Don Quixote' by Thomas d'Urfey (1694), was sung with a pealing voice by Hurd, who ended with a delightful misogynistic tirade."