

Praised by the *Huffington Post* for his “ringing high notes,” Texas-born tenor Bille Bruley has garnered attention for his strength and versatility in operatic repertoire from baroque to contemporary. Highlights of Bille’s upcoming 2021-2022 season include a number of rescheduled major house debuts at **Austin Opera**, **Lyric Opera of Kansas City**, and **Atlanta Opera** in the role of Steve Wozniak in Mason Bates’ acclaimed *The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs*. He also makes his return to **Arizona Opera** as Ferrando in *Così fan tutte*. Other upcoming engagements to be rescheduled from COVID-19-related cancellations include a concert debut with the **Los Angeles Philharmonic** as the Sailor/Shepherd in *The Tristan Project*, as well as his house debut with **Opera Theatre of Saint Louis** as Sam Polk in a new production of Carlisle Floyd’s *Susannah*. Bille is a recent winner of the **William Matheus Sullivan Musical Foundation Award** and Career Grant.

Bille is a recent alumnus of the **Marion Roose Pullin Arizona Opera Studio**, where his role assignments in previous seasons included include Louis Sullivan in *Shining Brow*, Bern Venters in *Riders of the Purple Sage*, and Brighella and Bacchus (cover) in *Ariadne auf Naxos*. In his abridged 2019-2020 season, Bille was engaged at **Lyric Opera of Chicago**, where he covered Father Grenville and Howard Boucher in Heggie’s *Dead Man Walking*. In the summer of 2019, Bille returned to the **Santa Fe Opera** as a second-year Apprentice Artist. There, he created the role of Benjamin in the world premiere of Poul Ruders’ *The Thirteenth Child* and was met with critical acclaim, praised by *Opera Today* for his “exuberant, substantial tenor” and his “dramatic commitment [which] made him an audience favorite.” While at Santa Fe, Bille also covered the role of Laca Klemen in Janacek’s *Jenufa* and performed as Lennie in scenes from *Of Mice and Men*.

Mr. Bruley’s 2018-2019 season saw his first *War Requiem* with the **Tulsa Symphony** as well as several engagements with **Arizona Opera**—as Gastone in *La Traviata*, Jonathan Dale in *Silent Night*, Don Basilio and Don Curzio in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and as Ferrando in their studio production of *Così fan tutte*. In the 2017-2018 season, Mr. Bruley was engaged as an Apprentice Singer with the **Santa Fe Opera**, where he covered the roles of Captain Nolan in *Doctor Atomic* and and Governor/Vanderdendur/Captain in *Candide*. He was also featured on their Apprentice Scenes showcase as the title role in *Peter Grimes*. He returned to **Virginia Opera** for a number of role debuts, including First Philistine in *Samson et Dalila*, Trin in *La fanciulla del West*, Flute in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and Arturo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. He

later joined **Baltimore Choral Arts** as a tenor soloist in Handel's *Dixit Dominus* under the baton of newly-appointed director Anthony Blake Clark.

Mr. Bruley has received special acclaim for his interpretation of the works of Benjamin Britten, including the title role in *Peter Grimes*, King Nebuchadnezzar in *The Burning Fiery Furnace*, The Tempter in *The Prodigal Son*, and as the tenor soloist in Britten's *War Requiem*. Of his performance as King Nebuchadnezzar with **Central City Opera**, *The Daily Camera* wrote, "His voice is radiant, his enunciation impeccable. Every word he sings is easily understood and every note is precise in pitch."

An alumnus of young artist programs at **The Santa Fe Opera**, **The Glimmerglass Festival**, and **Central City Opera**, Mr. Bruley has received recognition through a number of young artist awards, including the **Richard Tucker Memorial Award** from the Santa Fe Opera and the **Iris Henwood Richards Memorial Award** from the Central City Opera House Association. In 2018, Mr. Bruley was a finalist in the **Dallas Opera Guild Vocal Competition**. He has taken home prizes from the **Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions** as a winner of the Gulf Coast Regional Finals and as a finalist and winner in the **Lois Alba Aria Competition**. He was also named a 2018-2019 winner of **The William Matheus Sullivan Musical Foundation Award and Career Grant**.

Mr. Bruley received his undergraduate training at **Baylor University**, where he studied under Robert Best, and completed his graduate work at Indiana University's prestigious **Jacobs School of Music** under the tutelage of Carol Vaness. A native of Montgomery, Texas, Bille is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Musical Arts at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona, where he lives with his husband, Steve, and their two dogs, Beethoven and Winston.