



Recordings

Audio Recordings

Heggie/Scheer: *Intelligence*, LSO Live, 2025
Massenet: *Werther*, EuroArts, 2024
O'Regan/Caird: *The Phoenix*, Pentatone, 2020
Gordon/Vavrek: *The House without a Christmas Tree*, Pentatone, 2018
Heggie/Scheer: *It's a Wonderful Life*, Pentatone, 2017
Gordon/Foglia: *A Coffin in Egypt*, Albany, 2014
Heggie/McNally: *Dead Man Walking*, EMI, 2012
Martinez/Foglia: *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna/ To Cross the Face of the Moon*, Albany, 2011
Previn/Caird: *Brief Encounter*, 2011
Heggie/Scheer: *Three Decembers*, Albany, 2009
Theofanidis/Lax: *The Refuge*, Albany, 2008
Floyd: *Cold Sassy Tree*, Albany, 2005
Floyd: *Of Mice and Men*, Albany, 2004
Catán/Fuentes-Berain: *Florencia en el Amazonas*, Albany, 2002
Machover/Harrington: *Resurrection*, Albany, 2002
Adamo: *Little Women*, Ondine, 2001
Daugherty/Koestenbaum: *Jackie O*, Argo/Decca, 1997
Sheng: *Song of Majnun*, Delos, 1997
Moran/Skofield: *The Dracula Diary*, Catalyst/BMG, 1994
Monk: *ATLAS: an opera in three parts*, ECM, 1992
Adams/Goodman: *Nixon in China*, Nonesuch, 1988
Joplin: *Treemonisha*, Deutsche Grammophon, 1982
Gershwin/Heyward: *Porgy and Bess*, RCA, 1976

Video Recordings

Adamo: *Little Women*, Naxos, DVD, 2010
Rossini: *La Cenerentola*, London/Decca, VHS and DVD, 1996
Joplin: *Treemonisha*, Kultur Video, VHS, 1982



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Awards

National MultiCultural Institute “Leading Lights” Award, 2009 for
HGOco, Song of Houston

Emmy Awards

HGO: The Ring Cycle, Sculpting With Time Productions (Alex Douglas and Whitney Douglas), regional Emmys for directing and photography, 2017

Hitting the High Cs, Marion Kessell and Rick Christie, 1998

Nixon in China, John Adams and Alice Goodman, 1987

Grammy Awards

Nixon in China, John Adams and Alice Goodman, 1987

Porgy and Bess, George Gershwin and DuBose Heyward, 1976

Tony Award

Porgy and Bess, George Gershwin and DuBose Heyward, 1976

Grand Prix du Disques

Porgy and Bess, George Gershwin and DuBose Heyward, 1976



Young Artists Vocal Academy Alumni

2025 Participants:

Abigail Arnold, soprano
Cristina Escobedo, soprano
Dejah Watts, soprano
Emily Amesquita, mezzo-soprano
Madison Chambers, mezzo-soprano
Makenna Palacio, mezzo-soprano
Sophia Pelekasis, mezzo-soprano
Carolyn Schrock, mezzo-soprano
Cayenne Teeter, mezzo-soprano
Alessandro Fanan, tenor
Brett Hunter, tenor
Michael Breaux, baritone
Esau Alvarez Rodriguez, baritone
Jamie Felix-Toll, bass-baritone
Temur Bidzishvili, bass
Xavier Perry, bass



Young Artists Vocal Academy Alumni

2024 Participants:

Daniella Brancato, soprano
Sophia Grace Donelan, soprano
Lea Nayak, soprano
Pilar Romero, soprano
Molly Snodgrass, soprano
Adriana Stepien, soprano
Natalie Corrigan, mezzo-soprano
Estefani Lopez, mezzo-soprano
Maya McGuire, mezzo-soprano
Samuel Higgins, countertenor
Matthew Juhlin, baritone
Alan Rendzak, baritone
Lewei Wang, baritone
Matthew Dexter, bass-baritone
Brian Wacker, bass-baritone
David Oluwo, bass



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Young Artists Vocal Academy Alumni

2023 Participants:

Sarah Fleiss, soprano
Kyle Kreucher, soprano
Eva Rae Martinez, soprano
Laura Miah Ramos, soprano
Laura Santamaría, soprano
Sophia Baete, mezzo-soprano
Megan Brilleslyper, mezzo-soprano
Christina Grohowski, mezzo-soprano
Joshua Berg, tenor
Edward Ferran, tenor
Emilio Vásquez, baritone
Olivier Zerouali, baritone
Justice Yates, bass-baritone
Arturo Fernandez, piano
Taylor Wang, piano
Lucila Zavala, soprano



Young Artists Vocal Academy Alumni

2022 Participants:

Emily Damasco, soprano
Elizabeth Hanje, soprano
Clara Luz Iranzo, soprano
Gabrielle Turgeon, soprano
Yining Xie, soprano
Camille Robles, mezzo-soprano
Cameron Weger, mezzo-soprano
Colin Aikins, tenor
Matthew Goodheart, tenor
Demetrious Sampson, tenor
Anthony Josep, baritone
Jack Nadler, baritone
Sam Dhobhany, bass-baritone
Luke Oldroyd, bass-baritone
Parker Konkle, pianist/coach
Thibaut Trouche, pianist/coach

2021 Participants:

Lauren Carroll, soprano
Sydney Dardis, soprano
Claudia Díaz, soprano
Amia Langer, soprano
Evangeline Ng, soprano
Angela Sakimpa, soprano
Jazmine Saunders, soprano
Taylor See, soprano
Olivia Smith, soprano



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YAVA Alumni

2021 Participants continued:

Natalie Lewis, mezzo-soprano
Carlyle Quinn, mezzo-soprano
Benjamin P. Wenzelberg, countertenor
Antonio Domino, tenor
Angel Gomez, tenor
William Johnson, tenor
Michael McDermott, tenor
Cole Bellamy, bass-baritone
Mya King, coach/pianist
Meghan Rhoades, coach/pianist

2020 Participants:

Georgia Belmont, soprano
Magdalena Kuzma, soprano
Alexis Seminario, soprano
Anna Kelly, mezzo-soprano
Jeremiah Tyson, tenor

2019 Participants:

Yvette Keong, soprano
Mikala Laws, soprano
Milan McCray, soprano
Lindsey Reynolds, soprano
Margaret Ann Zentner, soprano
Shannon Keegan, mezzo-soprano
Jacqueline Kerns, mezzo-soprano
Madeleine Lyon, mezzo-soprano
Hannah Shea, mezzo-soprano



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2019 Participants continued:

Taryn Surratt, mezzo-soprano
Emily Treigle, mezzo-soprano
Aaron Crouch, tenor
Darrius Morton, tenor
Hayden Smith, tenor
Titus Muzi, baritone
Connor Ouly, baritone

2018 Participants:

Whitney Campbell, soprano
Julianna Espinosa, soprano
Natalie Leonard, soprano
Julia Muzychenko, soprano
Jessica Niles, soprano
Elena Villalón, soprano
Vivian Wang, soprano
Rebekah Daly, mezzo-soprano
Virginia Reed, mezzo-soprano
Taryn Surratt, mezzo-soprano
Jonah Hoskins, tenor
Jose Simerilla Romero, tenor
Alexander Wunder, tenor
Blake Denson, baritone
Evan Lazdowski, bass-baritone
Deborah Robertson, pianist/coach



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2017 Participants:

Julietta Aleksanyan, soprano
Monica Music, soprano
Kathleen O'Mara, soprano
Michelle Ravitsky, soprano
Olivia Rominiyi, soprano
Rachel Shaughnessy, soprano
Kady Evanyshyn, mezzo-soprano
Jamie Groote, mezzo-soprano
Sophia Hunt, mezzo-soprano
Siphokazi Moltena, mezzo-soprano
Aaron Crouch, tenor
Jacob Ingbar, baritone
Sam Kidd, baritone
Schyler Vargas, baritone
Q Langman, pianist/coach
Ruobing Zhang, pianist/coach

2016 Participants:

Hannah Colvin, soprano
Emilie Faiella, soprano
Emily Kern, soprano
Brea Marshall, soprano
Page Michels, soprano
Anna Montgomery, soprano
Gabriella Reyes, soprano
Christina Hazen, mezzo-soprano
Julie Moore, mezzo-soprano
Isabel Signoret, mezzo-soprano
Dylan Elza, tenor



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2016 Participants continued:

Duke Kim, tenor
Angel Vargas, tenor
Zachary Futch, baritone
Nicholas Newton, baritone
Matthew Soibelman, bass

2015 Participants:

Dorothy Gal, soprano
Korynn Lacher, soprano
Anastasia Malliaras, soprano
Christine Oh, soprano
Lydia Pion, soprano
Onadek Winan, soprano
Kayleigh Decker, mezzo-soprano
Lindsay Lymer, mezzo-soprano
Laurie Ann Taylor, mezzo-soprano
Nicole Thomas, mezzo-soprano
Kameron Ghanavati, tenor
Seiyoung Kim, tenor
David Gleichman, baritone
Theo Hoffman, baritone
Stephen C. Saharic, baritone
Jake Landau, pianist/composer



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2014 Participants:

Anna Bridgman, soprano
Annalise Dzwonczyk, soprano
Kaitlyn Johnson, soprano
Cara Gabrielson, soprano
Mane Galoyan, soprano
Samantha Hankey, mezzo-soprano
Gretchen Krupp, mezzo-soprano
Meagan Martin, mezzo-soprano
Anne Marie Stanley, mezzo-soprano
Eric Ferring, tenor
Evan Johnson, tenor
Alexander McKissick, tenor
Tigran Ohanyan, tenor
Michael Hewitt, baritone
Jarret Porter, baritone
Bongani Kubheka, bass-baritone

2013 Participants:

Nicolette Book, soprano
Rebecca Pedersen, soprano
Alexandra Razskazoff, soprano
Liv Redpath, soprano
Maria Valdes, soprano
Leah Hawkins, mezzo-soprano
Kaitlyn McMonigle, mezzo-soprano
Alyssa Narum, mezzo-soprano
Megan Samarin, mezzo-soprano
Alec Carlson, tenor
Kyle Gee, tenor



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2013 Participants continued:

Ian Koziara, tenor
Makudupanyane Senaoana, tenor
Jack Swanson, tenor
Ben Edquist, baritone
Jacob Waid, baritone

2012 Participants:

Jacqueline Piccolino, soprano
Samantha Hankey, mezzo-soprano
Johnathan McCullough, baritone
Brandon Russell, tenor
Richard Smagur, tenor
Jamez McCorkle, baritone
Brendan Stone, baritone
Rhys Talbot, bass-baritone

2011 Participants:

Laura Grace Smolik, soprano
Allegra De Vita, mezzo-soprano
Clipper Hamrick, mezzo-soprano
Rafael Moras, tenor
Frederick Ballentine, baritone
Joseph Eletto, baritone
Rhémé Sloan, baritone
Nicholas Brownlee, bass-baritone



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

24-25 Artists

Alissa Goretsky, soprano
Elizabeth Hanje, soprano
Ani Kushyan, mezzo-soprano
Michael McDermott, tenor
Shawn Roth, tenor
Demetrious Sampson, Jr., tenor
Navasard Hakobyan, baritone
Sam Dhobhany, bass-baritone
Ziniu Zhao, bass-baritone
Laura Bleakley, pianist/coach
Jenny Choo, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

23-24 Artists

Meryl Dominguez, soprano
Renée Richardson, soprano
Ani Kushyan, mezzo-soprano
Emily Treigle, mezzo-soprano
Erin Wagner, mezzo-soprano
Michael McDermott, tenor
Demetrious Sampson, Jr., tenor
Navasard Hakobyan, baritone
Michelle Papenfuss, pianist/coach
Marco Rizzelo, pianist/coach

22-23 Artists

Meryl Dominguez, soprano
Renée Richardson, soprano
Emily Treigle, mezzo-soprano
Erin Wagner, mezzo-soprano
Eric Taylor, tenor
Navasard Hakobyan, baritone
Luke Sutliff, baritone
Cory McGee, bass
Michelle Papenfuss, pianist/coach
Bin Yu Sanford, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

21-22 Artists

I Raven McMillon, soprano
Elena Villalón, soprano
Sun-Ly Pierce, mezzo-soprano
Emily Treigle, mezzo-soprano
Ricardo Garcia, tenor
Eric Taylor, tenor
Blake Denson, baritone
Luke Sutliff, baritone
Cory McGee, bass
William Guanbo Su, bass
Alex Munger, pianist/coach
Bin Yu Sanford, pianist/coach

20-21 Artists

Raven McMillon, soprano
Elena Villalón, soprano
Lindsay Kate Brown, mezzo-soprano
Sun-Ly Pierce, mezzo-soprano
Ricardo Garcia, tenor
Blake Denson, baritone
Nicholas Newton, bass-baritone
Cory McGee, bass
William Guanbo Su, bass
Alex Munger, pianist/coach
Bin Yu Sanford, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

19-20 Artists

Dorothy Gal, soprano
Elena Villalón, soprano
Lindsay Kate Brown, mezzo-soprano
Leia Lensing, mezzo-soprano
Richard Trey Smagur, tenor
Geoffrey Hahn, baritone
Nicholas Newton, bass-baritone
Daniel Noyola, bass
William Guanbo Su, bass
Alex Munger, pianist/coach
Kyle Naig, pianist/coach

18-19 Artists

Yelena Dyachek, soprano
Dorothy Gal, soprano
Nardus Williams, soprano
Lindsay Kate Brown, mezzo-soprano
Leia Lensing, mezzo-soprano
Richard Trey Smagur, tenor
Thomas Glass, baritone
Geoffrey Hahn, baritone
Daniel Noyola, bass
Jonathan Gmeinder, pianist/coach
Kyle Naig, pianist/coach
Blair Salter, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

17-18 Artists

DYelena Dyachek, soprano
Mané Galoyan, soprano
Zoie Reams, mezzo-soprano
Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen, countertenor
Richard Smagur, tenor
Yongzhao Yu, tenor
Thomas Glass, baritone
Sol Jin, baritone
Anthony Robin Schneider, bass
Jonathan Gmeinder, pianist/coach
Blair Salter, pianist/coach
Peter Walsh, pianist/coach

16-17 Artists

Yelena Dyachek, soprano
Mané Galoyan, soprano
Zoie Reams, mezzo-soprano
Megan Mikailovna Samarin, mezzo-soprano
Chris Bozeka, tenor
Yongzhao Yu, tenor
Ben Edquist, baritone
Sol Jin, baritone
Federico De Michelis, bass-baritone
Kirill Kuzmin, pianist/coach
Geoffrey Loff, pianist/coach
Peter Walsh, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

15-16 Artists

Mané Galoyan, soprano
Pureum Jo, soprano
D'Ana Lombard, soprano
Megan Samarin, mezzo-soprano
Sofia Selowsky, mezzo-soprano
Chris Bozeka, tenor
Yongzhao Yu, tenor
Ben Edquist, baritone
Federico De Michelis, bass-baritone
Kirill Kuzmin, pianist/coach
Geoffrey Loff, pianist/coach
Sahar Nouri, pianist/coach

14-15 Artists

Pureum Jo, soprano
D'Ana Lombard, soprano
Megan Samarin, mezzo-soprano
Sofia Selowsky, mezzo-soprano
Morgan Pearce, baritone
Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone
Thomas Richards, bass-baritone
Peixin Chen, bass
Emily Senturia, conducting fellow
Sahar Nouri, pianist/coach
Christopher Turbessi, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

13-14 Artists

Uliana Alexyuk, soprano
Andrea Carroll, soprano
Natalya Romaniw, soprano
Carolyn Sproule, mezzo-soprano
Scott Quinn, tenor
Kevin Ray, tenor
Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone
Thomas Richards, bass-baritone
Peixin Chen, bass
Elena Lacheva, pianist/coach
Emily Senturia, pianist/coach
Christopher Turbessi, pianist/coach

12-13 Artists

Andrea Carroll, soprano
Natalya Romaniw, soprano
Lauren Snouffer, soprano
Carolyn Sproule, mezzo-soprano
Scott Quinn, tenor
Kevin Ray, tenor
Mark Diamond, baritone
Peixin Chen, bass
Nicholas Masters, bass
Patrick Harvey, pianist/coach
Elena Lacheva, pianist/coach
Ana María Otamendi, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

II-12 Artists

Lauren Snouffer, soprano
Brittany Wheeler, soprano
Catherine Martin, mezzo-soprano
Scott Quinn, tenor
Brendan Tuohy, tenor
Mark Diamond, baritone
Boris Dyakov, baritone
Nicholas Masters, bass
Patrick Harvey, pianist/coach
Ana María Otamendi, pianist/coach

10-11 Artists

Kiri Deonarine, soprano
Brittany Wheeler, soprano
Rachel Willis-Sørensen, soprano
Catherine Martin, mezzo-soprano
Nathaniel Peake, tenor
Brendan Tuohy, tenor
Boris Dyakov, baritone
Michael Sumuel, bass-baritone
Elena Portnaya, pianist/coach
Stephanie Rhodes, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

09-10 Artists

Kiri Deonarine, soprano
Rachel Willis-Sørensen, soprano
Catherine Martin, mezzo-soprano
Nathaniel Peake, tenor
Brendan Tuohy, tenor
Octavio Moreno, baritone
Adam Cioffari, bass-baritone
Michael Sumuel, bass-baritone
David Hanlon, pianist/coach
Stephen Hopkins, pianist/coach
Stephanie Rhodes, pianist/coach

08-09 Artists

Caitlin Lynch, soprano
Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano
Maria Markina, mezzo-soprano
Faith Sherman, mezzo-soprano
Beau Gibson, tenor
James J. Kee, baritone
Octavio Moreno, baritone
Adam Cioffari, bass-baritone
David Hanlon, pianist/coach
Stephen Hopkins, pianist/coach
Joseph Li, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

07-08 Artists

Rebekah Camm, soprano
Alicia Gianni, soprano
Albina Shagimuratova, soprano
Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano
Maria Markina, mezzo-soprano
Faith Sherman, mezzo-soprano
Beau Gibson, tenor
James J. Kee, baritone
Evan Rogister, conducting fellow
Joseph Li, pianist/coach
Grant Loehnig, pianist/coach

06-07 Artists

Rebekah Camm, soprano
Alicia Gianni, soprano
Albina Shagimuratova, soprano
Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano
Maria Markina, mezzo-soprano
Faith Sherman, mezzo-soprano
Beau Gibson, tenor
Liam Bonner, baritone
James J. Kee, baritone
Ryan McKinny, baritone
Evan Rogister, conducting fellow
Joseph Li, pianist/coach
Grant Loehnig, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

05-06 Artists

Rebekah Camm, soprano
Marjorie Owens, soprano
Jennifer Root, soprano
Heidi Stober, soprano
Tamara Wilson, soprano
Fiona Murphy, mezzo-soprano
Norman Reinhardt, tenor
Liam Bonner, baritone
Ryan McKinny, bass-baritone
Jeremy Frank, pianist/coach
Bethany Johnson (Self), pianist/coach

04-05 Artists

Laquita Mitchell, soprano
Marjorie Owens, soprano
Heidi Stober, soprano
Fiona Murphy, mezzo-soprano
Jennifer Root, mezzo-soprano
Arturo Chacón-Cruz, tenor
Nicholas Phan, tenor
Norman Reinhardt, tenor
Daniel Cilli, baritone
Joshua Hopkins, baritone
Nikolay Didenko, bass
Jeremy Frank, pianist/coach
Bethany Johnson (Self), pianist/coach
Jerad Mosbey, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

03-04 Artists

Laquita Mitchell, soprano
Marjorie Owens, soprano
Angela Niederloh, mezzo-soprano
Jennifer Root, mezzo-soprano
Arturo Chacón-Cruz, tenor
Nicholas Phan, tenor
Norman Reinhardt, tenor
Joshua Hopkins, baritone
Nikolay Didenko, bass
Luiz Ballester, pianist/coach
Eric Melear, pianist/coach
Susanna Stranders, pianist/coach

02-03 Artists

Laquita Mitchell, soprano
Marjorie Owens, soprano
Kristin Reiersen, soprano
Angela Niederloh, mezzo-soprano
Nicholas Phan, tenor
Aaron Judisch, baritone
Ethan Watermeier, baritone
Joshua Winograde, bass
Myra Choi-Huang, pianist/coach
Eric Melear, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

01-02 Artists

Barbara Quintiliani, soprano
Kristin Reiersen, soprano
Marie Lenormand, mezzo-soprano
Angela Niederloh, mezzo-soprano
Scott Scully, tenor
Aaron Judisch, baritone
Oren Gradus, bass
Joshua Winograde, bass
Myra Choi, pianist/coach
David Richardson, pianist/coach
Craig Terry, pianist/coach

00-01 Artists

Jessica Jones, soprano
Kerri Marcinko, soprano
Barbara Quintiliani, soprano
Marie Lenormand, mezzo-soprano
Scott Scully, tenor
Shannon De Vine, baritone
Chen-Ye Yuan, baritone
Oren Gradus, bass
Joshua Winograde, bass
Kelly Kuo, pianist/coach
Craig Terry, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

1999-2000 Artists

Tiffany Jackson, soprano
Jessica Jones, soprano
Kerri Marcinko, soprano
Marie Lenormand, mezzo-soprano
Scott Scully, tenor
Chad Shelton, tenor
Chen-Ye Yuan, baritone
Derrick Parker, bass-baritone
Oren Gradus, bass
Kelly Kuo, pianist/coach
James Lowe, pianist/coach

98-99 Artists

Tiffany Jackson, soprano
Jessica Jones, soprano
Kerri Marcinko, soprano
Stephanie Novacek, mezzo-soprano
Chad Shelton, tenor
Daniel Belcher, baritone
Scott Hendricks, baritone
Chen-Ye Yuan, baritone
Christopher Scott Feigum, bass-baritone
Derrick Parker, bass-baritone
Michael Baitzer, pianist/coach
James Lowe, pianist/coach



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97-98 Artists

Jennifer Aylmer, soprano
Tiffany Jackson, soprano
Joyce DiDonato, mezzo-soprano
Stephanie Novacek, mezzo-soprano
Chad Shelton, tenor
Daniel Belcher, baritone
Scott Hendricks, baritone
Christopher Scott Feigum, bass-baritone
Stephane Fromageot, pianist/coach

96-97 Artists

Nicole Heaston, soprano
Jonita Lattimore, soprano
Joyce DiDonato, mezzo-soprano
Stephanie Novacek, mezzo-soprano
Gabriel Gonzalez, tenor
John McVeigh, tenor
Christopher Scott Feigum, bass-baritone
Eric Owens, bass
Carol Anderson, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

95-96 Artists

Nicole Heaston, soprano
Laura Knoop, soprano
Jonita Lattimore, soprano
Beth Clayton, mezzo-soprano
Jill Grove, mezzo-soprano
Gabriel Gonzalez, tenor
John McVeigh, tenor
Frank Hernandez, baritone
Eric Owens, bass
Carol Anderson, pianist/coach

94-95 Artists

Laura Knoop, soprano
Elena Kolganova, soprano
Jonita Lattimore, soprano (associate)
Ana María Martínez, soprano
Mary Petro, soprano (associate)
Jill Grove, mezzo-soprano
Raymond Very, tenor
Michael Chioldi, baritone
Patrick Blackwell, bass-baritone
Peter Pasztor, pianist/coach
Jennifer Walsh Bowman, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

93-94 Artists

Teri Hansen, soprano
Laura Knoop, soprano
Jill Grove, mezzo-soprano
Francisco A. Almanza, tenor (apprentice)
Jon Kolbet, tenor
Raymond Very, tenor
Michael Chioldi, baritone
James Scott Sikon, bass-baritone
Peter Pasztor, pianist/coach

92-93 Artists

Kimla Beasley, soprano
Teri Hansen, soprano
Patricia Johnson, soprano
Elizabeth (Heidi) Jones, soprano
Cassandra White, soprano (apprentice)
Tamara Kaufman, mezzo-soprano
Jon Kolbet, tenor
Chris Owens, baritone
Kelly Anderson, bass-baritone
Peter Pasztor, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

91-92 Artists

Kimla Beasley, soprano (apprentice)
Teri Hansen, soprano
Patricia Johnson, soprano
Elizabeth (Heidi) Jones, soprano
Annette Daniels, mezzo-soprano
Tamara Kaufman, mezzo-soprano
Richard Clement, tenor
Eric Perkins, tenor
Chris Owens, baritone
Kelly Anderson, bass-baritone
Paul Samudio, pianist/coach
Robin Stamper, pianist/coach
Amy Tate Williams, pianist/coach

90-91

Darla Barrow, soprano
Elizabeth (Heidi) Jones, soprano
Annette Daniels, mezzo-soprano
Eric Perkins, tenor
Bruce Brown, baritone
Grant Youngblood, bass-baritone
Leticia Austria, pianist/coach
Mark Trawka, pianist/coach
Amy Tate Williams, pianist/coach



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89-90 Artists

Darla Barrow, soprano
Elizabeth (Heidi) Jones, soprano
Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano
Eric Perkins, tenor
Bruce Brown, baritone
Grant Youngblood, bass-baritone
Leticia Austria, pianist/coach
Jay Rozendaal, pianist/coach
Mark Trawka, pianist/coach

88-89 Artists

Marquita Lister, soprano
Edrie Means, soprano
Mary Mills, soprano
Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano
Jason Alexander, tenor
James Demler, baritone
David Langan, bass-baritone
Jay Rozendaal, pianist/coach
Robert Tweten, pianist/coach



HGO Butler Studio Alumni

87-88 Artists

Janice Grissom, soprano
Marquita Lister, soprano
Edrie Means, soprano
Jason Alexander, tenor
John Keyes, tenor
James Demler, baritone
David Langan, bass-baritone
Robert Tweten, pianist/coach
Jan Wagner, pianist/coach

86-87 Artists

Janice Grissom, soprano
Emily Manhart, mezzo-soprano
Jason Alexander, tenor
Mark Bowman Hester, tenor
Richard Paul Fink, baritone
David Langan, bass-baritone
Robert Remington, bass-baritone
Barbara Baker (Jones), pianist/coach
Ward Holmquist, pianist/coach



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85-86 Artists

Carol Gale, soprano
Janice Grissom, soprano
Theresa Hamm, soprano
Marietta Simpson, mezzo-soprano
Margaret Jane Wray, mezzo-soprano
Jason Alexander, tenor (apprentice)
Michael Rees Davis, tenor
Richard Paul Fink, baritone
Eugene Perry, baritone
Barbara Baker (Jones), pianist/coach
Ward Holmquist, pianist/coach

84-85 Artists

Carol Gale, soprano
Lee Merrill (Hapner), soprano
Phyllis Treigle, soprano
Marietta Simpson, mezzo-soprano
Robin Tabachnik, mezzo-soprano
Mark Thomsen, tenor
Richard Paul Fink, baritone
Eugene Perry, baritone
Richard Bado, pianist/coach
David Hapner, pianist/coach



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83-84 Artists

Carol Gale, soprano
Lee Merrill (Hapner), soprano
Phyllis Treigle, soprano
Kate Butler, mezzo-soprano
Stella Zambalis, mezzo-soprano
Mark Thomsen, tenor
James Michael McGuire, baritone
Eugene Perry, baritone
Herbert Perry, bass
Gary Arvin, pianist/coach
Richard Bado, pianist/coach
Craig Bohmler, pianist/coach
David Hapner, pianist/coach

82-83 Artists

Lee Merrill (Hapner), soprano
Phyllis Treigle, soprano
Gwendolyn Bowers Lentz, mezzo-soprano
Stella Zambalis, mezzo-sopranoMark Thomsen, tenor
Greer Grimsley, baritone
James Michael McGuire, baritone
Herbert Perry, bass
Grethe Holby, director
Craig Bohmler, pianist/coach
David Hapner, pianist/coach



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81-82 Artists

Carolyn Finley, soprano
Marilyn Jean Howell, soprano
Gwendolyn Bowers Lentz, mezzo-soprano
Susanne Mentzer, mezzo-soprano
Stella Zambalis, mezzo-soprano
Bruce Ford, tenor
Greer Grimsley, baritone
Herbert Perry, bass
Michael Ehrman, director
Marie Barrett-Shaw, lighting designer
Craig Bohmler, pianist/coach

80-81 Artists

Carolyn Finley, soprano
Marilyn Jean Howell, soprano
Alteouise DeV Vaughn, mezzo-soprano
Diane Kesling, mezzo-soprano
David Arlen Bankston, tenor
Bruce Ford, tenor
Robert Galbraith, baritone
Greer Grimsley, baritone
Louie Otey, baritone
Michael Ching, composer
Harold France, conducting fellow
Kate Pogue, librettist



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79-80 Artists

Christine Donahue, soprano
Carolyn Finley, soprano
Jennifer Ringo, soprano
Diane Kesling, mezzo-soprano
David Arlen Bankston, tenor
Price Browne, tenor
Warren Ellsworth, tenor
Carroll Freeman, tenor
L. Brad Liebl, baritone
Louie Otey, baritone
Rodney Stenborg, baritone

78-79 Artists

Sheila Barnes, soprano
Christine Donahue, soprano
Sunny Joy Langton, soprano
Erie Mills, soprano
Jennifer Ringo, soprano
Mary Shearer, soprano
Diane Elias, mezzo-soprano
Diane Kesling, mezzo-soprano
Laura C. Lay (Foti), mezzo-soprano
Nadia Pelle, mezzo-soprano
Evan Bortnick, tenor
Price Browne, tenor
L. Brad Liebl, baritone
Rodney Stenborg, baritone
Andrew Taylor, baritone
Eric Halfvarson, bass
Richard Vernon, bass



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77-78 Artists

Christine Donahue, soprano
Sunny Joy Langton, soprano
Erie Mills, soprano
Constance Fee, mezzo-soprano
Roger Ohlsen, tenor
Alberto Garcia, baritone
Eric Halfvarson, bass
Richard Vernon, bass



Premieres

HGO World Premieres through the 2025-26 Season:

77 *A Voice Within*, Joel Thompson and Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton, June 2025

76 *The Big Swim*, Meilina Tsui and Melisa Tien, February 2024

75 *Intelligence*, Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, October 2023

74 *Another City*, Jeremy Howard Beck and Stephanie Fleischmann, March 2023

73 *The Impresario of Oz*, Mark Buller and Charles Anthony Silvestri, 2022

72 *The Snowy Day*, Joel Thompson and Andrea Davis Pinkney, 2021

71 *Katie: The Strongest of the Strong*, 2020

70 *Marian's Song*, Damien Sneed and Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton, 2020

69 *El Milagro del Recuerdo/The Miracle of Remembering*, Javier Martínez and Leonard Foglia, 2019

68 *A Rose (Star-cross'd Episode 3)*, Kamala Sankaram and Misha Penton, 2019

67 *NOW (Star-cross'd Episode 2)*, Avner Dorman and John Grimmett, 2019

66 *The Phoenix*, Tarik O'Regan and John Caird, 2019



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65 *Boundless (Star-cross'd Episode 1)*, Avner Dorman and Stephanie Fleischmann, 2018

64 *Monkey & Francine in the City of Tigers*, Kamala Sankaram and David Johnston, 2018

63 *The House without a Christmas Tree*, Ricky Ian Gordon and Royce Vavrek, 2017

62 *Some Light Emerges*, Laura Kaminsky and Mark Campbell/Kimberly Reed, 2017

61 *It's a Wonderful Life*, Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, 2016

60 *After the Storm*, David Hanlon and Stephanie Fleischmann, 2016

59 *What Wings They Were: The Case of Emeline*, John L. Cornelius II and Janine Joseph, 2016

58 *Prince of Players*, Carlisle Floyd, 2016

57 *The Puffed-Up Prima Donna*, Mark Buller and Charles Anthony Silvestri, 2016

56 *O Columbia*, Gregory Spears and Royce Vavrek, 2015

55 *The Pastry Prince*, Mark Buller and Charles Anthony Silvestri, 2015

54 *A Christmas Carol*, Iain Bell and Simon Callow, 2014



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HGO World Premieres through the 2025-26 Season:

53 *River of Light*, Jack Perla and Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, 2014

52 *A Coffin in Egypt*, Ricky Ian Gordon and Leonard Foglia, 2014

51 *Bound*, Huang Ruo and Bao-Long Chu, 2014

50 *Rapunzel*, Mary Carol Warwick and Alvaro Saar Rios, 2014

49 *The Memory Stone*, Marty Regan and Kenny Fries, 2013

48 *Past the Checkpoints*, David Hanlon and Joann Farías, 2013

47 *From My Mother's Mother*, Jeeyoung Kim and Janine Joseph, 2012

46 *New Arrivals*, John Glover and Catherine Filloux, 2012

45 *The Bricklayer*, Gregory Spears and Farnoosh Moshiri, 2012

44 *The Clever Wife—a Chinese Folktale*, Mary Carol Warwick and Hugh Behm-Steinberg, 2012

43 *Your Name Means the Sea*, Franghiz Alizadeh, 2011

42 *Courtside*, Jack Perla and Eugene Chan, 2011

41 *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna / To Cross the Face of the Moon*, José "Pepe" Martinez and Leonard Foglia, 2010

40 *A Way Home*, Ethan Frederick Greene and Irene Keliher, 2010



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- 9 *Brief Encounter*, André Previn and John Caird, 2009
- 38 *Sleeping Beauty*, Edward Charles Winkler, 2008
- 37 *Last Acts (Three Decembers)*, Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, 2008
- 36 *The Refuge*, Christopher Theofanidis and Leah Lax, 2007
- 35 *Send (who are you? I love you)*, Michael John LaChiusa, 2006
- 34 *Strega Nona*, Mary Carol Warwick and Mary Ann Pendino, 2006
- 33 *Lysistrata, or the Nude Goddess*, Mark Adamo, 2005
- 32 *The Princess and the Pea*, Mary Carol Warwick and Mary Ann Pendino, 2005
- 31 *Salsipuedes, a tale of Love, War and Anchovies*, Daniel Catán and Eliseo Alberto / Francisco Hinojosa, 2004
- 30 *The End of the Affair*, Jake Heggie and Heather McDonald, 2004
- 29 *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Mary Carol Warwick and Kate Pogue, 2004
- 28 *The Little Prince*, Rachel Portman and Nicholas Wright, 2003
- 27 *Sibanda!*, Michael Remson, 2003
- 26 *The Emperor's New Clothes*, Mary Carol Warwick and Kate Pogue, 2001



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25 *Cold Sassy Tree*, Carlisle Floyd, 2000

24 *Resurrection*, Tod Machover and Laura Harrington with additional materials by Braham Murray, 1999

23 *Little Women*, Mark Adamo, 1998

22 *Cinderella in Spain/Cinderella en España*, Mary Carol Warwick and Kate Pogue, 1998

21 *Jackie O*, Michael Daugherty and Wayne Koestenbaum, 1997

20 *Florencia en el Amazonas*, Daniel Catán and Marcela Fuentes-Berain, 1996

19 *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, a liberation through hearing, Ricky Ian Gordon and Jean-Claude van Itallie, 1996

18 *Puppy and the Big Guy*, Sterling Tinsley and Kate Pogue, 1995

17 *Harvey Milk*, Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie, 1995

16 *The Outcast* (fully realized version), Noa Ain, 1994

15 *The Dracula Diary*, Robert Moran and James Skofield, 1994

14 *TEXAS!*, Mary Carol Warwick and Kate Pogue, 1993

13 *The Achilles Heel*, Craig Bohmler and Mary Carol Warwick, 1993



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HGO World Premieres through the 2025-26 Season:

- 2 *Desert of Roses*, Robert Moran and Michael John LaChiusa, 1992
- 11 *ATLAS: an opera in three parts*, Meredith Monk, 1991
- 10 *The Passion of Jonathan Wade* (new version), Carlisle Floyd, 1991
- 9 *New Year*, Sir Michael Tippett, 1989
- 8 *Where's Dick?*, Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie, 1989
- 7 *The Making of the Representative for Planet 8*, Philip Glass and Doris Lessing, 1988
- 6 *Nixon in China*, John Adams and Alice Goodman, 1987
- 5 *A Quiet Place*, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Wadsworth, 1983
- 4 *Starbird*, Henry Mollicone and Kate Pogue, 1980
- 3 *Willie Stark*, Carlisle Floyd, 1981
- 2 *Bilby's Doll*, Carlisle Floyd, 1976
- 1 *The Seagull*, Thomas Pasatieri and Kenward Elmslie, 1974



Premieres continued

In addition to operas, HGO has premiered these smaller-scale works:

14 *In Our Care*, D.J. Sparr and Janine Joseph, 2021

13 *Songs for Murdered Sisters*, Jake Heggie and Margaret Atwood, 2021

12 *Rodeo Songs*; songs by Desmond Ikegwuonu, Samuel Hunter, Mark Buller, Daniel Webbon, and Brent Michael Davids; texts by Desmond Ikegwuonu, Samuel Hunter, Mark Buller, Daniel Webbon, Andrea White, Kelly Finn, and Juanita Pahdopony; 2020

11 *Sheltered Garden*, Jamie Leidwinger, with text by The American Boy Scouting Manual, Alice Duer Miller, H.D., and Kathleen Kelly, 2018

10 *After Harvey*, Emma Wine and Rukmini Kamalangalam, 2018

9 *Harmony of Trees*, Austin Brake, 2018

8 *Veterans Songbook*; songs by Mark Buller, Henry Darragh, Nicholas Davies, Clare Glackin, George Heathco, Madeline Styskal, Mary Carol Warwick, Kate Wasserman, and Ryan Adam Wells; texts by John Sandel, Sally, Doris Forte, Monique Rodriguez, Christina Valenzuela, Nick Bassitt, Oskar Yetzirah, Sarah Rollings, Nealy, Chrissy Bassitt, Larry Rider, Mario Cook, Anthony J. Butina, Leah Lax, and Anonymous; 2017

7 *Overboard*, Mark Buller and Leah Lax, 2017

6 *This Book*, Jake Landau and Alfonsina Stormi, 2016



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- 5 *Power*, David Hanlon and Schola Gbashah, 2015
- 4 *On This Muddy Water*, D.J. Sparr and Janine Joseph, 2014
- 3 *The Ninth November I Was Hiding*, David Hanlon, 2013
- 2 *The Kashmere Cycle*, John L. Cornelius II, 2012
- 1 *Pieces of 9/11*, Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, 2011

HGO American Premieres

- 7 *The Passenger*, Mieczyslaw Weinberg, 2014
- 6 *Akhnaten*, Philip Glass, 1984
- 5 *La donna del lago* (new critical edition), Gioacchino Rossini, 1981
- 4 *The Panther*, Philip Glass, 1981
- 3 *Robinson Crusoe*, Jacques Offenbach, 1977
- 2 *Rinaldo* (stage premiere), George Frideric Handel, 1975
- 1 *Hugh the Drover*, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1973



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