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## **Jean-Philippe Fortier-Lazure**

Tenor Jean-Philippe Fortier-Lazure was born and raised in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. He studied linguistics at the University of Ottawa, where he also took voice lessons with Laurence Ewashko, chorus master of Opera Lyra Ottawa. “He invited me to join the chorus,” recalls Mr. Fortier-Lazure, “and that’s when I really fell in love with opera. From that point on, I immersed myself in the art form and I’ve been having fun ever since. I can’t see myself doing anything else.”

He already has a connection with mentor Joseph Rouleau: in March 2012, Mr. Fortier-Lazure sang Pelléas in the Atelier d’opéra (University of Montreal) production of Debussy’s *Pelléas et Mélisande*, with Mr. Rouleau in the role of his grandfather, King Arkel.

Mr. Fortier-Lazure is currently completing a master’s degree in classical singing at the University of Montreal. He has participated in young artist training programs at the National Arts Centre, the Centre d’arts Orford, and the Académie Internationale d’été in Nice, France. His performance credits include Pelléas in *Pelléas et Mélisande* (Nova Scotia Opera Company and Atelier d’Opéra, University of Montreal); Chevalier de la Force in *Dialogues des Carmélites* (Atelier d’Opéra); Beppe in *Pagliacci* (Opera Lyra Ottawa – Silver Cast); Tamino in *Die Zauberflöte* and Don Curzio / Don Basilio in *Le nozze di Figaro* (University of Ottawa Opera Productions); and *Carmina Burana* with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal.

In 2013, Mr. Fortier-Lazure won second prize in the Joy in Singing voice competition in New York and in the Canadian Opera Company’s Ensemble Studio voice competition.

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