

Jakub Józef Orliński

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Biography

Polish countertenor Jakub Józef Orliński, Grand Finals winner of the 2016 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and winner of the 2015 Marcella Sembrich International Vocal Competition, is quickly gaining a reputation as a singer of striking vocal beauty and daring stage craft.

The 2016–17 season includes performances of Handel's *Messiah* at Carnegie Hall with both *Musica Sacra* and *Oratorio Society of New York*, and for his debut with the *Houston Symphony*. Mr. Orliński performs in *Flight*, Jonathan Dove's modern-day comedy, with *Juilliard Opera*. He will join the *Karlsruhe Handel Festival* to sing Vivaldi's *Nisi Dominus* and excerpts from Handel's *Dixit Dominus*. He makes his debut with the *Festival d'Aix-en-Provence* in Cavalli's opera *Erismena*, and appears for the first time with *Oper Frankfurt* this season.

While in Poland, Mr. Orliński performed the roles of Cupid in *Venus & Adonis* by Blow and *Narciso* in *Agrippina* by Handel. While in Germany, he performed the role of Ruggiero in Handel's *Alcina* in Aachen and Cottbus, performed select Purcell songs with ballet at the *Leipzig Opera House*, and *Philippus* in Telemann's *Der Misslungene Braut-Wechsel oder Richardus I* (based on Handel's *Riccardo Primo, Re d'Inghilterra*) in Gießen.

Mr. Orliński has triumphed in several vocal competitions: the 1st Place Winner at the *Oratorio Society of New York's 2016 Lyndon Woodside Oratorio-Solo Competition*, the 1st and 2nd annual *International Early Music Vocal Competitions* in Poland, where he received "Special Mention" and "Special Prize," respectively, first prize at *Rudolf Petrák's Singing Competition* in Slovakia, 3rd place at the *Debut Competition* in Igersheim, Germany, Special Mention at the *8th Annual Mazovian Golden Voices Competition* in Poland, and 3rd place at *Le Grand Prix de l'Opera* in Bucharest, Romania.

While working toward his Master's degree in vocal performance at the *Fryderyk Chopin University of Music* in Warsaw, he participated in the prestigious young artist program: *Opera Academy* at *Polish National Opera* in Warsaw. He is currently working toward his Graduate Diploma at *The Juilliard School*, studying with *Edith Wiens*.

In his spare time, Mr. Orliński enjoys breakdancing, in addition to other styles of dance. His achievements in this arena include prizes in many dance competitions: 4th place at the *Red Bull BC One Poland Cypher* competition, 2nd place on the *Stylish Strike – Top Rock Contest* and 2nd place at *The Style Control* competition, among others. He has also been featured in a commercial for the street wear company *CROPP*, as well as featured as a dancer, model and acrobat in campaigns for *Levi's*, *Nike*, *Turbokolor*, *Samsung*, *Mercedes-Benz*, *MAC Cosmetics*, *Danon* and *Algida*.