



Juan Fernando Gutiérrez's charismatic baritone voice and flexible acting flair have made him the theatergoer's choice in several theatres for the Most Popular Singer award. The international press has praised his „warm, beautifully-timbred Belcanto baritone" in glowing reviews from such countries as Europe, Asia and South America.

Juan Fernando Gutiérrez was a member of the **Gaertnerplatz State Theatre**, Munich, from 2010 until 2012. Here, he was able to lay the foundation of his repertoire with such roles as *Papageno* in „Die Zauberflöte“, *Dr. Falke* in „Die Fledermaus“, *Ottokar* in „Der Freischütz“, *Taddeo* in „L'Italiana in Algeri“, *Morales* in „Carmen“, *Stefano* in „Viva la Mamma“ and *The Magus* in the Munich premiere of Glanert's „Joseph Süss“.

Gutiérrez began his vocal studies in Colombia with Danaïla Hristova. In 2002 he relocated to Vienna, where he continued his studies at the **University of**

Music and Performing Arts, under the direction of KS Margarita Lilowa, KS Robert Holl and Professor Ralf Doering. He graduated in 2009.

Masterclasses with KS Peter Gugaloff in Germany, KS Hilde Zadek in Austria, KS Monserrat Caballé in Spain and Franco Pagliuzzi in Italy furthered his ongoing artistic development.

His opera debut in his homeland was as *Papageno*, after which he portrayed *Orfeo* in Gluck's „Orfeo ed Euridice“. His first role with the Colombian National Opera was *Dr. Malatesta* in „Don Pasquale“, he was then invited to guest as *Lescaut* in the national premiere of Massenet's „Manon“ and as *Guglielmo* in „Cosi fan tutte“.

Major festival appearances include: Ch. Cech's „Orfeo“ at the **International Chamber Opera Festival** in Zwolle, Holland with the **New Opera Vienna**; *Pluto* in „L'anima del Filosofo“ at the **Haydn Festival**, Eisenstadt, conducted by Adam Fischer; Zemlinsky's Lyric Symphony, under Georgi Dimitrov, as part of the Austrian Music Festival in Bulgaria and the Vienna Music Festival in Austria. A live recording of his performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the **Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra** under Kazufumi Yamashita is available on DVD by RCC, Japan.

Gutiérrez appears regularly on the European circuit as a concert singer. He has given various concerts with the **New Philharmonic of Westphalia**, at the „**Theater Gelsenkirchen**“, The „**Ruhr Festival in Recklinghausen**“, and the „**Unna Town Hall**“, to name but a few.

He received the Audience Award of 2009 from the Otto Edelman Society in Vienna, and in the same year the award for Most Popular Singer in Osaka, Japan for his interpretation of *Figaro* in „Il barbiere di Siviglia“. For *Papageno*, and for *Fieramosca* in Berlioz' „Benvenuto Cellini“, he received the 2014 Theatre-goer's Award for outstanding artistic achievement from the **Theater Muenster**.

As finalist and prizewinner he appeared in several competitions, including Klassikmania 2005, the International Hilde Zadek Competition 2009, and was awarded 1st Prize, the gold medal for Most Promising Singer, and the “Osamu Uno” Prize at the **10th Osaka International Music Competition**, Japan, in 2009.

In 2001, the baritone guested at the „**Theater Krefeld Moenchengladbach**“, and at the **concert hall of the Cologne Philharmonic**, as *Stefano* in „Viva la Mamma“. At both „**Theater Ingolstadt**“ and at the **Prince Regent Theatre** in Munich he triumphed as *Papageno*.

Further, the Colombian baritone regularly performs his wide-ranging repertoire of cantatas, masses and German Lieder both nationally and internationally.

In 2012, Gutiérrez became an ensemble member of the „**Theater Muenster**“. His roles include *Figaro* in „Il Barbiere di Siviglia“, *Papageno* in „Die Zauberflöte“, and *Fieramosca* in „Benvenuto Cellini“. In the 2014/2015 season, he appears as *Morales* in „Carmen“, *Magus* in „Joseph Süss“, *Schaunard* in „La Bohème“ and as *Papageno* in the enormously popular „Zauberflöte“ directed by Kobie van Rensburg.

Since his debut in august 2016 in the golden hall of the „**Musikverein**“ in Vienna sings Juan Fernando Gutiérrez regularly with the **Vienna Mozart Orchestra**. The concerts take place in the most important concert halls of Vienna like the „**Musikverein**“, „**Wiener Konzerthaus**“ and the **Vienna State Opera**.

In 2018 he made his debut as *Bill* in the opera „Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny“ at the „Teatro Mayor“ of Bogotá in Colombia. This was a very successful co-production of the „Teatro Colón“ of Buenos Aires – Argentina and the „Teatro Municipal“ of Chile.