

Tom Torebka, Baritone

Biography

Over the years, Tom Torebka has sung in bars, night clubs, restaurants, cruise ships, theaters, studios, churches, museums, libraries, auditoriums, gymnasiums, hotels, ski lodges, fairgrounds, parks, fashion shows, shopping malls and even a couple of corn fields. He has been performing professionally since the late 80's, as a soloist and with several bands, vocal groups, orchestras and opera & theater companies. His repertoire includes opera, theater, rock, classical, sacred, jazz and standards.

Tom has performed in several main stage productions with Lake George Opera at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, including Mikado, Candide, L'elisir d'amore, Susannah La Cenerentola and HMS Pinafore. He was also a member of LGO On Tour, a quartet that sang at fundraisers and corporate functions year-round, for 4 years..

He is a founding member of A.R.I.A. (formerly Albany Ensemble), a vocal group performing dramatic, moving and entertaining repertoire from the world's great musical traditions. In 2005, the group did a 2 week concert tour of Poland, playing for full houses and receiving rave reviews. They did the same in Bremen, Germany in 2006 and 2007.

Tom served as a Cantor and music leader at Corpus Christi Church in Round Lake from 2001 through 2011, where he sang at weekly masses, weddings, funerals and other ceremonies. In 2004, Tom was chosen to be the Cantor for the dedication ceremony of the new church - a very rare and sacred event, presided over by the Bishop. He was also the Cantor for the Bishop's Easter mass in 2006, which aired on 3 tv stations on Easter day.

Tom has acted in productions with theater companies, including Schenectady Light Opera, Spotlight Players and Northeast NY Family Players, and he sang the roles of Dr. Grenvil and The Marquis in Glens Falls Symphony's concert performance of La Traviata. Tom has performed as a featured soloist with local choruses and choirs, most recently appearing as bass soloist for Bach's Cantata #106 with the Schenectady Choral Society. He also sings the National Anthem for sporting events at the Times Union Center.

On the rocking side of things, Tom has fronted local bands Hung Jury, Vision, Dr Sooss, The Sequel, Odyssey and Rainmaker, as well as Fallout (Arizona), Fourgone (Connecticut) and X-IT (Connecticut). He is currently the bass/baritone for the a cappella doo wop group The Flipsydz.

Tom performs as a soloist at numerous functions throughout the Capital Region - from parties to weddings to corporate dinners to fundraisers.