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Operatic Roles		
<i>Albert Herring - Albert</i>	Merola Opera Program, San Francisco, USA	2008
<i>Street Scene - Sam</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2008
<i>L'Orfeo (Monteverdi) - Orfeo</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2003
<i>L'Elisir d'Amore - Nemorino #</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2007
<i>Orphée aux Enfers (Offenbach) - Pluto</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2004
<i>Die Zauberflöte - Tamino #</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2005
<i>Così fan tutte - Ferrando #</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2007
<i>Carmen - Remendado*</i>	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2003
<i>Boris Godunov - Boyar I.A</i>	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2003
- Missail*	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2003
- Simpleton*	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2003
<i>Der Rosenkavalier - Waiter</i>	New Zealand Festival Opera	2002
<i>The Village Singer (Paulus) - Todd Wilkins</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2006
<i>Lord Byron's Love Letter - Husband</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2006
<i>Gianni Schichi - Gherardo</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2001
<i>Enchanted Island (David Faqaur) - Stephano #</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2005
<i>A Beleaguered City - Jacques</i>	Sirius Press Productions	2003
<i>Rigoletto - Borsa*</i>	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2004
<i>Tosca - Spoletta*</i>	NBR New Zealand Opera Company	2004
<i>Carmontel (Wekerlin) - Coccase</i>	Sirius Press Productions	2002
<i>The Telephone (Menotti) - Ben</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2001
<i>Semele - Cadmus</i>	Victoria University School of Music Wellington, NZ	2001
(* cover)		
(# scenes)		

Oratorio/Concert Soloist		
Mahagonny Songspiel – Billy (Weill)	Ravinia Festival, Illinois, USA	2009
Winter Words (Britten)	Schwabacher Recital Series, San Francisco, USA	2009
Four Songs to Texts by Walt Whitman (Weill)	Merkin Hall Recital, New York, USA	2008
Catalogue du Fleurs (Milhaud)	Merkin Hall Recital, New York, USA	2008
Sings Harry (Lilburn)	Merkin Hall Recital, New York, USA	2008
Poème d'un Jour (Fauré)	Greenfield Hall Recital, MSM, New York, USA	2008
Curlew River - Ensemble	Japan Society, New York, USA	2007
<i>Dichterliebe - Schumman</i>	MSM Masters Recital, Greenfield Hall, New York	2007
<i>Opera Outreach - Queen Kong</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2006
<i>Opera Scenes</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2005
<i>Sealord Opera in the Park</i>	Christchurch Symphony, Nelson, NZ	2004
<i>Hunter Concert Series Recital</i>	Victoria University School of Music, Wellington, NZ	2004
<i>L'Enfance du Christ (Berlioz)</i>	P.N.C.C, Palmerston North, NZ	2004
<i>Messiah (Handel)</i>	Bachoir & Orpheus Choir, Wellington, NZ	2004
<i>The Creation (Haydn)</i>	P.N.C.C, Palmerston North, NZ	2004
<i>9th Symphony (Beethoven)</i>	Wellington Youth Orchestra, NZ	2005
<i>Christmas Oratorio (Bach)</i>	Bachoir, Wellington, NZ	2005
<i>Magnificat (Bach)</i>	Schola Sacra, Wanganui, NZ	2003
<i>Hodie (Vaughn Williams)</i>	Kapiti Choral, NZ	2002

<i>Requiem (Mozart)</i>	Orpheus Choir, Tribute for September 11th, Wellington, NZ	2002
<i>Christmas Oratorio (Saint-Seans)</i>	Schola Sacra, Wanganui, NZ	2004
<i>Wings of the Morning (John Ritchie)</i>	Orpheus Choir/RNZAF Band, Wellington, NZ	2005
<i>Mass in G (Weber)</i>	Schola Sacra, Wanganui, NZ	2003
<i>St John Passion (Bach)</i>	Kapiti Chamber Choir, NZ	2004
<i>Graduation Soloist</i>	Victoria University, Wellington, NZ	2005
<i>Theresa Mass (Haydn)</i>	Cantoris Choir, Wellington, NZ	2002
<i>Nelson Mass (Haydn)</i>	Ars Nova Choir, New Plymouth, NZ	2003
<i>Opera in the Woolshed</i>	Ostrich Blue, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ	2003-2004
<i>Olivet di Calvary (Maunder)</i>	Wellington Festival Singers, NZ	2002

Musical Theatre Roles		
<i>Into the Woods - The Baker</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2007
<i>Defying Gravity. Stephen Swartz Review</i>	Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA	2006
<i>Aspects of Love - Alex</i>	Blenhiem Operatic Society, NZ	2004
<i>Oklahoma! - Will</i>	Blenhiem Repertory Theater, NZ	2000
<i>Big River - Huck</i>	Marlborough College	1999

Education & Programmes		
Merola Opera Program, San Francisco Opera (Upcoming)	San Francisco, June - August 2008.	
Professional Studies Certificate Candidate, Manhattan School of Music	New York, U.S.A, 2007-2008.	
M.M. Manhattan School of Music	New York, U.S.A, 2005-2007.	
B.Mus (Hons) Victoria University	Wellington, New Zealand, 2003-2004.	
New Zealand Opera School	Wanganui, New Zealand, 2003.	
B.Mus Victoria University	Wellington, New Zealand, 2000-2002	
National Singing School	Napier, New Zealand, 2000.	

Awards & Honours		Voice Teachers
Grand Prize Winner of the Lotte Lenya Competition for Singers 2007		Neil Rosenshein
Orvis foundation Scholar, Manhattan School of Music 2006-07		Emily Mair
A grant from the Lankhuyzen/Whetu Kairangi Masonic Trust 2006		
Semi-Finalist in the Lexus Song Quest, New Zealand 2005		Conductors
Sir Henry Cooper Memorial Scholarship in Music 2005		Dan Saunders
Finalist in the Lockwood Aria, Rotorua, New Zealand 2004		Ari Pelto
Les & Sonia Andrews Cultural Foundation Scholarship 2004		Marc Taddei
Napier Computer Systems Aria Winner 2004		Nicholas Braithwaite
North Shore Aria. Second Place winner 2004		John Keenan
Bell Gully Travel Scholarship for International Study 2003		David Stern
Moyra Todd Scholarship 2003		Hal France
Victoria University Postgraduate Scholarship 2003		
Marie D'Albini Scholarship for singing 2003		Coaches
PACANZ Vocal Young Performer of the Year Award 2002		Kenneth Merrill
Wellington Newspapers Ltd. Aria Contest 2002		Nobuko Amemiya
Rokfire Cup for most outstanding singer overall in the Hutt Valley Competitions 2002		Mark Janus
Wellington Rotary Club Scholarship for Music 2002		Dan Gettinger
Freemasons University Scholarship 2002		Chris Cano

Master Classes		Directors
Thomas Hampson		Matthew Richarson
Evelyn Lear		Raymond Hawthorn
Victoria Clark		Ned Canty
Barbara Cook		Duncan Whiting
Grace Bumbry		Bernd Bentaak
Anthony Rolfe-Johnson		Gale Edwards

Teresa Kubiak	Gordon Ostrowski
Sir Phillip Ledger	Jay Lesinger
Louise Toppin	