

Stephan Loges
Bass-Baritone

BACH, *St Matthew Passion*, Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists, Sir John Eliot Gardiner. Barbican Hall, London.

Loges made a charismatic, at times tellingly assertive Christus.
Tim Ashley, The Guardian, 27 March 2016

DEBUSSY, *Péleas et Mélisande*, English Touring Opera

Stephan Loges was a menacing, dark-toned, anguished Golaud, making the violence credible, and he was heartbreaking in Act 5.
Peter Reed, Opera, December, 2015

Stephan Loges' handsome, stiff-backed Golaud...all three sing superbly and Loges' racking sobs after Mélisande's death will haunt you long after the curtain falls.
Tim Ashley, The Guardian, 2 October, 2015

...for arduous anguish...he's outclassed by Stephan Loges' Golaud — so darkly despairing in the final stages.
Geoff Brown, The Times, 7 October, 2015

ETO has made smart casting choices: Stephan Loges is a properly forthright Golaud...
Rupert Christiansen, The Telegraph, 2 October, 2015

Stephan Loges' resonantly-sung Golaud radiates masochistic pathos from the start.
Michael Church, The Independent, 2 October, 2015

Stephan Loges' Golaud...sung with an appropriate weariness...
Hugo Shirley, Financial Times, 4 October, 2015

MILHAUD *La mère coupable*, Theater an der Wien, Leo Hussain

Stephan Loges gibt dem intriganten Begearss souveränes Profil...
Stephan Loges is a self-assured and scheming Begearss...
Wilhelm Sinkovicz, Die Presse, 9 May, 2015

...committed acting and singing...Stephan Loges was the suitably scheming Begearss...
Gerhard Persché, Opera, August, 2015

BACH *St Matthew Passion*, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, led by Mark Padmore

(Padmore)...was fittingly charismatic...as was Stephan Loges as Christ...
Claire Hazelton, The Guardian, 3 April, 2015

Stephan Loges, as Christus, fused sorrow and anger eloquently...
Hilary Finch, The Times, 7 April, 2015

HANDEL *Messiah*, Academy of Ancient Music, Richard Egarr, Barbican Hall, London

Stephan Loges the charismatic, dark-voiced bass...
Tim Ashley, The Guardian, 11 December, 2014

BRITTEN *War Requiem*, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Gilchrist and Loges brought both anger and pathos to their rendition of Owen's verse.

Will Frampton, Bournemouth Echo, 10 November, 2014

BACH *Mass in B Minor*, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Jonathan Cohen

...Stephan Loges' magisterial bass. A moving performance.

Ken Walton, The Scotsman, 16 December, 2013

BERLIOZ *L'enfance du Christ*, Swedish Radio SO & Choir, Robin Ticciati, Linn Records recording

...Véronique Gens (Mary) and Stephan Loges (Joseph) are first-rate soloists.

David Cairns, The Sunday Times, 1 December, 2013

Joseph and Mary's lullaby-duet *O mon cher Fils*, with Stephan Loges and Véronique Gens, manages to be both serene and sumptuous...

Malcolm Riley, Gramophone, December, 2013

Véronique Gens and Stephan Loges are eloquently matched as Mary and Joseph...

**** *Geoffrey Norris, The Telegraph, 5 December, 2013*

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL 2013, Llyr Williams, City Halls, Glasgow

...a fantastic series, enhanced at the opening weekend by the great baritone Stephan Loges performing Beethoven's arrangements of Scots songs on Friday and some of his most popular art songs on Saturday.

Michael Tumelty, Herald Scotland, 30 September, 2013

...recital was given by baritone Stephan Loges, accompanied by Williams on the piano. Loges's rendition of Beethoven's *An die ferne Geliebte* was dramatic and powerful, his warm and inviting lower registers suiting the heavy romanticism of the period.

Catherine Robb, Herald Scotland, 1 October, 2013

HAYDN *Die Schöpfung*, Kammerakademie Potsdam, Antonello Manacorda

...Stephan Loges mit einem glanzvollen Bass von stabiler Tiefe.

...Stephan Loges with a splendid bass voice and solid low notes.

Antje Rössler, Märkische Allgemeine Zeitung, 26 August, 2013

WEBER *Der Freischütz*, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis, LSO Live recording

Among an excellent supporting cast, Sally Matthews (Ännchen) and Stephan Loges (Samiel) stand out.

Anna Picard, BBC Music magazine, August, 2013

WEBER *Der Freischütz*, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis

Stephan Loges, at first amplified and self-echoing as Zamiel, the dark hunter, was later an intelligently sung Duke Ottokar.

Hilary Finch, The Times, 23 April, 2012

There are great strengths elsewhere...Stephan Loges doubling the roles of demonic Zamiel and prissy Ottokar...

Tim Ashley, The Guardian, 21 April, 2012

WOLF Complete Songs, Vols 1 & 2, Sholto Kynoch, Stone records recording

The team of four singers is first-rate, responsive in every way...The very opening song, sung by Stephan Loges, sets a deeply meditative mood, *Der Genesene an die Hoffnung*...Other high spots include...*Fussreise* from Loges... In *Verborgenheit* Loges...expands to a fine climax...The second disc follows a similar pattern except that Gilchrist and Loges seem to have a bigger share of the memorable items...Loges is most

sensitive in the two songs to *Peregrina*...Aptly the disc ends with *Abschied*, with Loges bringing out its quirky element...a fine conclusion.

Edward Greenfield, Gramophone, January 2012

BACH *St Matthew Passion* (staged), OAE, Westminster University

...the aria soloists (including)...Andrew Tortise and Stephan Loges were riveting...I have rarely heard the *St Matthew* sung and played so convincingly.

Richard Morrison, The Times, 30 November, 2011

WOLF: *Complete Songs, Vol 2*, Sholto Kynoch, Stone records recording

The four excellent singers – Sophie Danemann, Anna Grevelius, James Gilchrist and Stephan Loges – with only one German among them, show a vivid understanding of the texts.

Fiona Maddocks, The Observer, 9 October, 2011

SCHUMANN *Mass in C Min*/BRAHMS *Four Serious Songs*, SCO/John Storgards

Stephan Loges only had a few lines in the mass, but there was another opportunity to enjoy his commanding baritone voice in Brahms' *Four Serious Songs*...there was a vibrancy and sense of life triumphing against the odds which was beautifully articulated by Loges.

Susan Nickalls, The Scotsman, 9 May, 2010

Things got darker still with a moving performance of Brahms' *Four Serious Songs*, sung with great profundity by baritone Stephan Loges.

Michael Tumelty, heraldscotland, 10 May, 2010

OXFORD LIEDER FESTIVAL, 2009

Stephan Loges, a late cover for illness, and pianist Roger Vignoles gave a searing account of Schumann's *Dichterliebe* plus a selection of Wolf's Mörike songs. This distinguished bass-baritone, whose stage manner is sober and unshowy, colours his voice with effortless pinpoint precision, calibrating emotion in every note, every breath, every silence. Having carelessly not registered him before, despite his appearance on several of John Eliot Gardiner's Bach Cantata discs, I have now elevated him to my admittedly fickle and haphazard hall of fame.

Fiona Maddocks, The Guardian, 8 November, 2009

MENDELSSOHN Recording, Songs and Duets, Vol 4

...it is left to Loges - and Asti's committed piano-playing - to provide consistent pleasure. Hyperion CDA 67739

Hugh Canning, Sunday Times, 23 August, 2009

SCHUBERT *Schwanengesang*, East Neuk Festival

...a selection of songs from Schubert's *Schwanengesang*, all expressed with unflinching directness by the powerful baritone.

Kenneth Walton, The Scotsman, 8 July, 2009

He has a superb range, the high tenor notes required in the opening *Liebesbotshaft* as precisely produced as the lower register needed for Krieger's *Ahnung* and *Aufenthalt*.

Keith Bruce, The Herald, 11 July, 2009

GOUNOD *Romeo et Juliette*, Opera North

Stephan Loges in fine form

Hilary Finch, The Times, May 2008

Mercutio's Queen Mab ballade was evocatively sung by Stephan Loges

Lynne Walker, The Independent

MOZART *Die Zauberflöte*, La Monnaie Brussels, September 2007

... above all, Stephan Loges, whose beautifully honed baritone makes him an irresistible Papageno.

John McCann, Opera Magazine, November issue

MOZART *Die Zauberflöte*, La Monnaie Brussels, September 2005

Stephan Loges created a subtle Papageno, and the warm tone of voice coupled with the rich noble baritone sound which had also been so splendidly employed in his previous portrayal of Wolfram (also at La Monnaie), recalls the glorious tradition of Hermann Prey.

Jean-Charles Hoffelé, Diapason

RECITAL, Wotton Hall, May 2004

...the setting drew out of the singer some special quality... with Stephan Loges it was, to my ear, the revelation of a baritone whose quality and production align him with singers from the past such as Herbert Janssen and Gerhard Hüsch. His voice has a deeper centre than either of theirs, but, to me, in the intimacy of the music room at Wotton, he appeared firmly within that tradition.

John Steane Gramophone Magazine

WAGNER *Tannhäuser*, La Monnaie Brussels, June 2004

Best of the cast was the Wolfram of Stephan Loges, whose beautifully focused baritone did full justice to the most bel canto-ish parts of the score.

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