

KANTTILA MANAGEMENT

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BIOGRAPHY · CV

Irakli Kakhidze

Tenor

Biography

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Georgian tenor Irakli Kakhidze studied at the Batumi Conservatory under Marina Jakhutashvili, graduating in 2005. He began his stage career at the Opera Studio of the State Music Centre of Batumi, performing early roles such as Alfredo (*La traviata*), Edgardo (*Lucia di Lammermoor*), Turiddu (*Cavalleria rusticana*), and Aleko in Rachmaninoff's *Aleko*. He also appeared in Georgian repertoire, including Malkhaz in *Daisi* and Koté in *Keto and Koté*.

In the 2023/24 season, Mr. Kakhidze appeared as Turiddu in *Cavalleria rusticana* at Deutsche Oper am Rhein. He has recently performed roles such as Pinkerton (*Madama Butterfly*), Manrico (*Il Trovatore*), Don Alvaro (*La Forza del Destino*), and Don Carlo at venues including Theater Dortmund, Theater Kiel, Wiesbaden State Opera, Finnish National Opera, Latvian National Opera, and houses in Taiwan and Hong Kong. Highlights of 2025/26 include Radamès in *Aida* at Latvian National Opera alongside Marina Rebeka and Elīna Garanča, Don José in *Carmen* in Leipzig and Manrico in *Il trovatore* in Düsseldorf, alongside Canio in *Pagliacci* and Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* in Mannheim.

From 2016 to 2018, he was a member of the ensemble at Nationaltheater Mannheim, where his roles included Pollione (*Norma*), Radames (*Aida*), Turiddu (*Cavalleria rusticana*), Cavaradossi (*Tosca*), and Edgardo (*Lucia di Lammermoor*). Other notable appearances include Rodolfo (*La bohème*), Nemorino (*L'Elisir d'Amore*), and Alfredo (*La traviata*) at Bergen National Opera, and Don José (*Carmen*) at the Daegu International Opera Festival. He returned to the Nationaltheater Mannheim ensemble in the 2025/26 season.

Earlier international engagements included performances with CNIPAL in Marseille and Avignon, where Mr. Kakhidze took part in recitals and the staged production *Dans le Salon de Mr. Puccini*. He appeared at the Opéra National de Lorraine, the Gemenos Theatre, and gave recitals in Marseille, Toulouse, Avignon, and Bordeaux. In 2014, he sang at the European Commission's "Good Morning Europe" concert in Brussels and participated in a charity concert in Tbilisi alongside Tamar Iveri and Giorgi Gagnidze. He has worked under the mentorship of Lado Atanéli and attended masterclasses with Leo Nucci and Ruggero Raimondi.

Mr. Kakhidze is a laureate of the Lado Atanéli Competition and was awarded by the Georgian Theatre Society for his performance of Turiddu. In 2013, he was a finalist at the Paris Opera Awards. He also holds the title of Commander of the Georgian Dignity Order. His home city of Batumi has awarded him its honorary medal and honorary citizenship.

Curriculum vitae

Irakli Kakhidze

TENOR

NATIONALITY Georgia

CURRENT ENSEMBLE

2025/26– Nationaltheater Mannheim (current)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011–2013 CNIPAL, Marseille / Avignon (former)



SELECTED HOUSES AND FESTIVALS

Deutsche Oper am Rhein · Bergen National Opera · Daegu International Opera Festival · Opéra National de Lorraine · Oper Leipzig · Latvian National Opera

Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Gabriele Adorno	Simon Boccanegra <i>Verdi</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2026
Manrico	Il trovatore <i>Verdi</i>	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2026
Pinkerton	Madama Butterfly <i>Puccini</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2026
Canio	Pagliacci <i>Leoncavallo</i>	Teatro Regio di Parma	2026
Canio	Pagliacci <i>Leoncavallo</i>	Latvian National Opera and Ballet	2026
Ismaele	Nabucco <i>Verdi</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2026
Canio	Pagliacci <i>Leoncavallo</i>	Ente de Carolis	2026
Canio	Pagliacci <i>Leoncavallo</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2026 2025

Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Radamès	Aida Verdi	Latvian National Opera and Ballet	2026– 2024
Don José	Carmen Bizet	Oper Leipzig	2026 2024
Mario Cavaradossi	Tosca Puccini	Oper Leipzig	2025
Pinkerton	Madama Butterfly Puccini	Ópera de Las Palmas	2025
Mario Cavaradossi	Tosca Puccini	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2025 2023 2022
Don José	Carmen Bizet	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2024
Turiddu	Cavalleria rusticana Mascagni	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2024 2023
Pollione	Norma Bellini	Korea National Opera, Seoul	2024 2023
Radames	Aida Verdi	Romanian National Opera, Iași	2024 2023
Don Carlo	Don Carlo Verdi	Ópera de Tenerife	2023



Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Manrico	Il trovatore <i>Verdi</i>	Opera Hong Kong	2023
Manrico	Il trovatore <i>Verdi</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2023
Don Alvaro	La forza del destino <i>Verdi</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2023
Roberto	Le Villi <i>Puccini</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2023
Cavaradossi	Tosca <i>Puccini</i>	Kutaisi State Opera	2023 2022
Alfredo Germont	La traviata <i>Verdi</i>	Finnish National Opera	2022 2021
Manrico	Il trovatore <i>Verdi</i>	Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden	2022 2021
Don Carlo	Don Carlo <i>Verdi</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2019
Ismaele	Nabucco <i>Verdi</i>	Theater Dortmund	2018
Edgardo	Lucia di Lammermoor <i>Donizetti</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2017 2016



Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Cavaradossi	Tosca <i>Puccini</i>	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2017 2016



In Concert

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	VENUE / ENSEMBLE	YEAR
Soloist	Riga Opera Festival Gala Concert	Latvian National Opera and Ballet	2026
Tenor soloist	Theaterfestkonzert	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2026
Soloist	Kick-off! <i>Tchaikovsky</i>	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2025
Tenor soloist	Opera gala <i>Various composers</i>	Thüringen Philharmonie, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg	2025
Soloist	18. Opern-Gala des DRK Duisburg	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2024
Tenor soloist	Gastkonzert Ludwigsburg	Württembergische Philharmonie Reutlingen	2024
Tenor soloist	Galanacht Der Tenöre	Opera Classica Europa	2023
Soloist	Rīgas Operas Festivāla Galā Koncerts	Riga Opera Festival	2023
Roberto (concert)	Le Villi <i>Puccini</i>	Forum am Schlosspark	2023
Tenor soloist	Messa da Requiem <i>Verdi</i>	Theater Bielefeld	2023



In Concert

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	VENUE / ENSEMBLE	YEAR
Soloist	Festliche Operettengala zum Jahreswechsel	Nationaltheater Mannheim	2023 2022



CURRICULUM VITAE

Education & distinctions

2005 Graduation
Batumi Conservatory · with Marina Jakhutashvili

Opera Studio
State Music Centre, Batumi

Masterclasses

Leo Nucci

Ruggero Raimondi

Awards & competitions

Lado Atanéli Competition: laureate
Georgia

Georgian Theatre Society award
Georgia

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