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BIOGRAPHY · CV

Sungho Kim

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Lyric tenor

Biography

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South Korean lyric tenor Sungho Kim has been a member of the Theater Dortmund ensemble since the 2020/21 season. Winner of the Song Prize at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World in 2023, he performs established lyric repertoire alongside new works. His 2026 engagements include Iskra in Clémence de Grandval's *Mazeppa* in Dortmund, Rodolfo in *La bohème* at Oper Leipzig and a recital with Llŷr Williams at Wigmore Hall.

New opera is a recurring part of his stage work. In 2026, Mr. Kim appeared as the Singer of Siegfried in the concert world premiere of Bernhard Lang's *Brünnhilde brennt* at the Bayreuth Festival; he is scheduled to reprise the role in its staged premiere in Dortmund in April 2027. In 2023/24, he sang Quyokuma and Fantastikuss in the world premiere of Pierangelo Valtinoni's *Die Reise zu Planet 9*, with further engagements in the work at Deutsche Oper am Rhein and Oper Bonn. His Dortmund repertoire also includes S-4711 in the world premiere of Sarah Nemtsov's *WE (WIR)*.

Mr. Kim's work in Dortmund encompasses the Mozart roles of Belmonte, Tamino and Don Ottavio, together with Léopold in *La Juive*, Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* and Alfredo Germont in *La traviata*. He has also sung Froh in *Das Rheingold*. In 2025, he appeared as Fenton in *Falstaff* at Oper Leipzig and returned to the Verbier Festival as Rinuccio in *Gianni Schicchi*. His Verbier debut as Rodolfo in 2021 brought him the Prix Yves Paternot.

From 2018 to 2020, Mr. Kim belonged to the International Opera Studio at Staatsoper Hamburg, where he sang Scaramuccio in *Ariadne auf Naxos* under Kent Nagano. His concert work includes Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra under Jaap van Zweden in 2024/25.

Alongside the Cardiff Song Prize, his distinctions include third prize at Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg in 2022 and the Glyndebourne Opera Cup's Young Jury Award in 2020. He received second prize at the Salvatore Licitra Competition in 2019, first prize at the Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition in 2018 and a special prize at the Francisco Viñas Competition in 2016.

Born in Gwangmyeong, Mr. Kim studied with Gwangsun Song at the Korea National University of Arts and completed his master's degree with Ewa Wolak and Julia Varady at the Hanns Eisler School of Music Berlin. He attended masterclasses with Seungseo Na and Maurizio Carnelli in Seoul and with Thomas Hampson and Barbara Frittoli in Verbier. His further training in Hamburg included work with Lioba Braun, Deborah Polaski, Bejun Mehta, Gerd Uecker, Christiane Karg and Brigitte Fassbaender.

Curriculum vitae

Sungho Kim

LYRIC TENOR

NATIONALITY South Korea
LANGUAGES Korean · German · English
BASED IN Dortmund, Germany

CURRENT ENSEMBLE

2020– Oper Dortmund (current)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–2020 Hamburgische Staatsoper · International
Opera Studio (former)



SELECTED HOUSES AND FESTIVALS

Oper Leipzig · Verbier Festival · Oper Bonn · Deutsche Oper am Rhein · Musiktheater im Revier, Gelsenkirchen · Wigmore Hall, London

Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Singer of Siegfried	Brünnhilde brennt <i>Bernhard Lang</i>	Bayreuther Festspiele	2026
Belmonte	Die Entführung aus dem Serail (children's version) <i>Mozart</i>	Oper Dortmund	2026
Quyokuma	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Oper Bonn	2026
Fantastikuss	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Oper Bonn	2026
Iskra	Mazeppa <i>Grandval</i>	Oper Dortmund	2026
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Oper Leipzig	2026
Pong	Turandot <i>Puccini</i>	Oper Dortmund	2025

Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Don Ottavio	Don Giovanni <i>Mozart</i>	Oper Dortmund	2025
Froh	Das Rheingold <i>Wagner</i>	Oper Dortmund	2025
Fenton	Falstaff <i>Verdi</i>	Oper Leipzig	2025
Rinuccio	Gianni Schicchi <i>Puccini</i>	Verbier Festival	2025
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Seoul Art Center	2025
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Musiktheater im Revier Gelsenkirchen	2024
Alfredo Germont	La traviata <i>Verdi</i>	Oper Dortmund	2024
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Oper Leipzig	2024
Alfred	Die Fledermaus <i>J. Strauss II</i>	Oper Dortmund	2024
Alfredo Germont	La traviata <i>Verdi</i>	Touno Festival	2024



Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Quyokuma	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Oper Dortmund	2024
Fantastikuss	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Oper Dortmund	2024
Quyokuma	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2024
Fantastikuss	Die Reise zu Planet 9 <i>Valtinoni</i>	Deutsche Oper am Rhein	2024
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Oper Dortmund	2023
Tamino	Die Zauberflöte <i>Mozart</i>	Oper Dortmund	2023
Alfredo	La traviata <i>Verdi</i>	La Seine Musicale	2023
Léopold	La Juive <i>Halévy</i>	Oper Dortmund	2022
Itulbo	Il pirata <i>Bellini</i>	Konzerthaus Dortmund	2022
Camille	Die lustige Witwe <i>Lehár</i>	Oper Dortmund	2022



Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Alvar	Fernand Cortez oder Die Eroberung von Mexiko <i>Spontini</i>	Oper Dortmund	2022
Rodolfo	La Bohème <i>Puccini</i>	Oper Dortmund/ Verbier Festival	2021
Fortunatus	Frédégonde <i>Guiraud / Saint-Saëns / Dukas</i>	Oper Dortmund	2021
Tom	Die beiden Fiedler <i>Maxwell Davies</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2020
Belmonte	Die Entführung aus dem Serail <i>Mozart</i>	Oper Dortmund	2020
First nobleman	Lohengrin <i>Wagner</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Gastón	Die tote Stadt <i>Korngold</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Victorin	Die tote Stadt <i>Korngold</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Scaramuccio	Ariadne auf Naxos <i>R. Strauss</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
First eunuch	Die Nase <i>Shostakovich</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019



Performed on Stage

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	THEATRE / FESTIVAL	YEAR
Sergej Gluschkow	Moskau, Tscherjomuschki <i>Shostakovich</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Abdallo	Nabucco <i>Verdi</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Joe	La fanciulla del West <i>Puccini</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Fourth squire	Parsifal <i>Wagner</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Ajax Premier	La belle Hélène <i>Offenbach</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2019
Gastón	Die tote Stadt <i>Korngold</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2018
Victorin	Die tote Stadt <i>Korngold</i>	Hamburgische Staatsoper	2018
Cecco	Il mondo della luna <i>Haydn</i>	Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin · Studiosaal	2018



In Concert

Selected

ROLE	WORK / COMPOSER	VENUE / ENSEMBLE	YEAR
Tenor soloist	Symphony No. 9 <i>Beethoven</i>	Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra · Lotte Concert Hall	2024
Tenor soloist	La Vierge <i>Massenet</i>	St. Reinoldikirche, Dortmund	2022
Tenor soloist	Requiem <i>Mozart</i>	St. Franziskuskirche, Schwäbisch Gmünd	2022
Tenor soloist	Requiem <i>Mozart</i>	Berliner Dom	2018



CURRICULUM VITAE

Education & distinctions

2019 Master · Opera
Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin · with Ewa Wolak and Julia Varady

2014 Bachelor of Music
Korea National University of Arts · with Gwangsun Song

Masterclasses

2021 Thomas Hampson
Verbier Festival Academy · Atelier Lyrique

2021 Barbara Frittoli
Verbier Festival Academy · Atelier Lyrique

2019 Malcolm Martineau
Hamburgische Staatsoper · International Opera Studio

2019 Brigitte Fassbaender
Hamburgische Staatsoper · International Opera Studio

2018 Bejun Mehta
Hamburgische Staatsoper · International Opera Studio

Awards & competitions

2023 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World
Song Prize · Cardiff, United Kingdom

2022 Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
3rd Prize · Nuremberg, Germany



CURRICULUM VITAE

Education & distinctions

Awards & competitions

2021	Verbier Festival · Prix Yves Paternot Verbier, Switzerland
2020	Glyndebourne Opera Cup Young Jury Award and finalist · Glyndebourne, United Kingdom
2019	Salvatore Licitra Competition 2nd Prize · Milan, Italy
2018	37th International Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition 1st Prize and Special Prize · Jūrmala, Latvia
2017	54th International Francisco Viñas Singing Competition Special Prize · Barcelona, Spain
2015	33rd Daegu Opera Competition 2nd Prize · Daegu, South Korea
2014	Korea National Singing Competition 1st Prize · Seoul, South Korea

