

Rafailas Karpis

Rafailas Karpis a Lithuanian opera singer (tenor) born in a Jewish family in 1983 in Vilnius. Graduated in Lithuanian Academy of Music and theater. Studied at professor Virgilijus Noreika singing class. In 1999 became a Grand Prix winner of young singers of the Baltic sea countries competition.

Since 2003 began singing in Lithuanian national opera theatre. In year 2008 was awarded with a "Hope of Lithuanian opera" prize and in year 2010 as a best performer of supporting opera roles. Sings in various opera and musical productions. Has already prepared more than 30 opera roles with different opera companies.

Rafailas Karpis has performed conductors Jonas Aleksa, Gintaras Rinkevičius, Modestas Pitrenas, Tomomi Nishimoto, Stefan Soltesz, David Perry, Daniel Oren, Daniele Rustioni, Vasilij Petrenko and others. Created opera roles with various stage directors Anthony Minghela, Mariusz Treliński, Graham Vick, Robert Wilson, Vasilij Barchatov, Jean Claude Berutti, Eimuntas Nekrošius, Gintaras Varnas and Dalia Ibelhauptaitė.

Feeling a special interest in Jewish music especially in Yiddish songs has gained a wide repertoire of songs composed by Litvak and other Jewish composers.

In 2012 together with pianist Darius Mažintas has released a Yiddish songs CD named " A Letter from the past".