

Jack Stephens

Artist Biography

Sydney-born bass and conductor, Jack Stephens has worked extensively in Australia and overseas as a soloist and ensemble singer. Jack is the Director of Music at St Paul's College, Sydney and works as the Principal Lay Clerk at St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. Jack is an Associate Artist with the Song Company and sings regularly with St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Cantillation. He is currently studying a Doctorate at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, supervised by Dr Erin Helyard and Dr Rowena Cowley, looking at *Regietheater* and its application to the staging of Bach's Passions and cantatas.

Jack has performed at the Canberra International Music Festival and the Four Winds Festival in Bermagui, and is a core member of the Canberra-based consort Luminescence Chamber Singers. In 2020, Jack was a Reserve Finalist for the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Aria Competition, and in 2021 won the Audience Prize at the Sydney Cantorion Singing Competition. Jack is the Artistic Director and Producer of Opera in the Quad, which recently presented Purcell's 'King Arthur', narrated by Peter Cousens.

In 2019 he performed in Hannover with the *Konzertchor Kleefeld* and the *Stadtkantorei Gehren* in Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang*. Jack has worked extensively with David Hill MBE, John Rutter CBE, Barry Rose OBE, Prof Noël Tredinnick BEM, Stephen Darlington MBE, and Thomas Ospital. Jack has performed extensively across Europe, and has also made recordings for broadcast on the BBC and ABC.

In addition to performing as a singer, Jack also plays the French Horn, and in 2014 was named the Suffolk UK Wind Champion. In 2018, Jack was a concerto soloist alongside Robert Johnson (Principal Horn of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra) in Schumann's *Konzertstück* (Concerto for Four Horns) and in 2018 was the winner of the Ryde Multi-Instrumentalist Eisteddfod. In 2017, Jack was featured on Channel 9's *True Story with Hamish and Andy* involving tales of musical tragedy and triumph, where an event in his life was recreated by comedians such as Kitty Flanagan and Ed Kavalee in the episode titled: "Jack's French Horn" and has been broadcast around the world.