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**Bass Baritone** 

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In the 2008/09 season, the dramatic baritone made his sensational debut at the **Metropolitan Opera** as **Rigoletto** and has since then returned in more than 130 performances, singing roles such as **Macbeth**, **Amonasro** (*Aida*), **Scarpia** (*Tosca*), **Michele** (*Il Tabarro*), **Tonio** (*Pagliacci*), **Alfio** (*Cavalleria Rusticana*) and **Shaklovity** (*Hovanščina*).

Regularly invited by the most prestigious international opera companies, **George Gagnidze** performed the title role of **Nabucco** at the **Metropolitan Opera** in the Fall, followed by his house debut at the **Atlanta Opera** in the *title role* of **Rigoletto**. He subsequently returned to the MET for their winter run of **Nabucco**, including a Live in HD broadcast on January 6, 2024.

In the 2022/23 season, George Gagnidze debuted at the Dallas Opera in the *title role* of Rigoletto, a part he also performed at the Staatsoper Hamburg. He returned to the Metropolitan Opera as *Scarpia and Amonasro*, to the Gran Teatre del Liceu of Barcelona as Scarpia, to the Teatro San Carlo of Naples in the title role of Macbeth and to the Staatsoper Unter den Linden in Berlin for his role debut as Grand-Prêtre de Dagon in *Samson et Dalila*.

After this, he performed **Scarpia** at the **Metropolitan Opera** and at the **Teatro San Carlo** of Naples, **Amonasro** at the **Los Angeles Opera**, **Germont** in *La Traviata* at the **Deutsche Oper Berlin** and at the **Teatro San Carlo**, the *title roles* of **Macbeth** at the **Palau de les Arts of Valencia** and of **Nabucco** at the **Staatsoper Hamburg**, the **Teatro Real of Madrid** and the **Tbilisi Opera House** for a gala performance on the occasion of the inauguration of a Star with his name engraved in front of the theatre.

Other past highlights are Rigoletto, La Traviata (Germont), Tosca and Aida at the Teatro alla Scala, Nabucco and Tosca at the Vienna State Opera, Otello (lago), La Traviata, Tosca, Francesca da Rimini and Aida at the Opéra National de Paris, Simon Boccanegra (title role), Tosca and Aida at the Teatro Real Madrid, Andrea Chénier (Carlo Gérard) and Aida at the San Francisco Opera, La Traviata at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Rigoletto at the Festival of Aix-en-Provence, La Traviata, Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci at the Gran Teatre del Liceu, Rigoletto and Pagliacci at the Los Angeles Opera, Tosca and Aida at the Staatsoper Berlin, Nabucco, Rigoletto, Otello, La Gioconda (Barnaba), Andrea Chénier and Tosca at the Deutsche Oper Berlin, Luisa Miller (Miller) at the Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia in Valencia, Nabucco and La Traviata at the Arena di Verona, Hovanščina at the BBC Proms in London and Otello at the Washington National Opera, the Greek National Opera of Athens and the Staatsoper Hamburg, where he has also sung in Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci.

George Gagnidze was born in Tbilisi and trained at the State Conservatory of his hometown. He debuted as Renato in *Un ballo in maschera* in 1996 at the Paliashvili State Opera. He entered the "Concorso Voci Verdiane" in 2005 as an award-winner of the "Leyla Gencer Voice Competition" and the "Elena Obraztsova Competition". The jury, chaired by José Carreras and Katia Ricciarelli, awarded him first prize for his outstanding vocal interpretation. After launching his international career from Germany, he was soon engaged by many of the world's important opera houses.

In the course of his career, George Gagnidze has worked with many renowned conductors and directors, including Daniel Barenboim, Semyon Bychkov, James Conlon, Plácido Domingo, Gustavo Dudamel, Mikko Franck, James Levine, Jesús López Cobos, Fabio Luisi, Nicola Luisotti, Lorin Maazel, Michele Mariotti, Zubin Mehta, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Gianandrea Noseda, Daniel Oren, Kirill Petrenko, Yuri Temirkanov and Juraj Valčuha; Luc Bondy, Henning Brockhaus, Liliana Cavani, Robert Carsen, Giancarlo Del Monaco, Michael Mayer, David McVicar, Peter Stein, Robert Sturua and Francesca Zambello.





