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Jens Krogsgaard, tenor, and stage director, born 1962, started out as a rock-singer and guitarist. In 1996, he graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus, followed by private studies with Professor Werner Hollweg in Freiburg. He made his debut at The Danish National Opera (DNO) in 1996, as Tom Rakewell in *The Rakes Progress* by Stravinsky. 1999-2007 he was a member of the ensemble at DNO, where he developed from a lyric to a dramatic/character tenor, with parts such as Peter Grimes, Hoffmann and Max. In 2002 he made his debut at The Royal Opera in Copenhagen as Captain Vere in *Billy Budd*. The readers of the Danish opera magazine *Ascolta* chose his portrayal of Captain Vere as "Best operatic performance of the year". It also won him a nomination in the category Singer of the year at the Årets Reumert 2003 (Danish Theatre Award Show). 2016 he staged the successful world premiere of *Chains (Lænker)* by Svend Hvidtfelt Nielsen at Aarhus Sommeropera (Libretto by the composer and Jens Krogsgaard). 2004 he created and staged *The Poet*, based on *Dichterliebe* by Schumann and other poems by H. Heine. In 2008 he became a Master of Elite Vocal Teaching from The Royal Danish Academy of Music in Copenhagen, where he was a Classical Voiceteacher from 2009 to 2022. From 2017 he teaches Music-Drama and Classical Singing at The Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus. He has recorded *Sinfonia Interna* by Rued Langgaard, with the Symphony Orchestra of Aarhus, *Dichterliebe* with Ulrich Stærk at the piano, and *Rued Langgaard – 18 songs (Danacord DACOCD 771)* with Jan Ole Christiansen at the piano. In 2017 he founded OPERA:S. Jens Krogsgaard staged *Grænsemageren* by Bo Gunge in 2022 for Opera På Grænsen/Sønderjyllands Symfoniorkester. In January 2024 he staged *Le Nozze di Figaro* by Mozart at Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus, and in August he will be staging Mozart and Salieri by Rimsky-Korsakov as a double bill with IL Maestro de Cappella by Cimarosa.