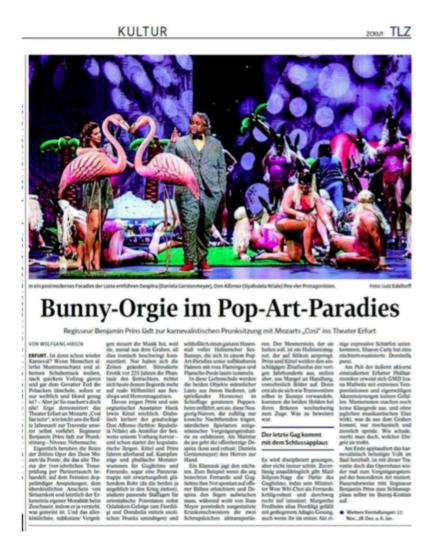
------WERTHER @ Staatstheater Braunschweig

Acclaims and romantic paintings at the National Theater of Brunswick for the opening of the opera by Massenet Werther, after Goethe.

- (...) The director Benjamin Prins creates an atmosphere of obscure romanticism, à la Edgar Allan Poe, the curtain of the window undulates, Werther's suicide is shown by a play of shadow at the opening, and a corpse lies under the bright red light of the turning scene.
- (...) Melancholy and disappointed love led Werther with Prins to die not in his studio as in the novel, but in nature. After Werther's deadly wound, the vertical trunks of felled trees form an image of a surreal forest that evokes the passage to the beyond, where Werther now aspires to absolute love.
- (...) Benjamin Prins convinces to focus the play in psychodrama around the four protagonists.
- (...) Bravos and strong applause for a remarkable production.

Braunschweiger Zeitung, Andreas Berger, 22.1.2017

------COSI FAN TUTTE @Theater Erfurt



Bunny-Orgy in Pop-art Paradise.

With Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte", Director Benjamin Prins invites you to a carnivalist frenzy at the Theater Erfurt. What about good taste? Secondary.

Prins and his orgiastic designer Hank Irwin Kittel show off stimulated eroticism abundantly - and the copulatory dance can beginn. Kittel and Prins bring out the big guns. (...)

At the end the audience, amused by the carnaval, applauses heartfully. With this show, the opera house has once again mutated into a special kind of Temple of Pleasure. Thüringer Allgemeine 21.1.16. Wolfgang Hirsch

"No sex, that's not the solution either. In the end, however, there still reigns a serious solemnity ... The tragic height of the final is then enormous despite all the zany. It would be a misunderstanding to see in Cosi fan tutte a simple comedy. (...) The (optical) calm of this scene contrasts with the baroque opulence of the evening with major weight on pop-art style."

Neue Musikzeitung Online 20.11.16 Joachim Lang

Experiment: successful

The Erfurter staging transposes in consistent way the piece into modern times. (...) This may irritate some Mozartfans, but it is coherent..

(...) Great joy was felt by everyone. If numerous applauses during the scenes and a big final applause are signs for a successful production, then you have to say: the experiment has been successful. Come, it's worth it".

Thüringer Allgemeine, 21.1.16

Sexuality of pleasure or sexuality of duty, that is the question. The director Benjamin Prins gives his two couples in his staging of Cosi fan tutte in Erfurt an initiation to the delights of sexual love. (...) The director had the nice idea to populate the scene-palm plantation of a bunch of rabbits - symbol of sexuality. In the end, the image of Fiordiligi as a fallen angel. What a powerful metaphor for the irrevocability of a destroyed ideal! (...) of the turbulent and colorful staging.

Das Opernglas, 19.11.16, J. Gahre



Margarethe Fredheim (Fiordiligi), Sharon Carty (Dorabella

Così fan tutte

Sexualität des Genusses oder Sexualität der Pflicht, das ist hier min Fins gild der Pflicht, das ist hier min Fins gild der beiden Pauer Ferando/Dorabella und Guglielmofficordiigi in seiner Efruter Inzenierung von Mozarts »Cosl fan tuttes eine Einfibrung in die fan tuttes eine Einfibrung in die sin hier giechtsam den "Kannasutra" als Pflichtlektien in die Hand. Zunächst aber zeigt er sie – schon während der Ouvertin – als verwährend der Jouertin – als verbungen der Seminarsaal, in dem eine Billige lährer Dame sie von den Freuden der Keuschheit überzugt und sie alle per Uriers-

och so "keuschen" Verlobten zu. Durch seine Wette mit Fernando nd Guglielmo aber gelingt es dem hilosophen Alfonso, den jungen lännern Spaß an Verkleidungen eizubringen. Alte Überzeugungen rerden abgeschüttelt, und da die

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geting. Alse auch in the stretches of the control o

undesindelt steeren. Das Philharmonische Orchester Erfurt folgt dem Dirigit der Jonas Mallwist mit Ergagement und außerst gräßsem Spell – bedieser Oppe in wir Ergagement dieser Oppe in viel bei haben. Die Dirigentin lässte in ihrer forschen Mozart-Ergagen-eichtan Drive fellen, was durchaus vorzüglich zu der turbulenten und recht bunten Inzenierung passt. Dass lyrische Momentedadurch ein weing unterbelichtet erscheinen, ist der nicht zu vermeidende Preis däßir.

DUBLIN

Das bewegte Leben des 1548 i Nola bei Neapel geborenen Gio dano Bruno, der sich selbst gerr Nolano nannte, könnte Stoff fi gleich ein Dutzend Opern abgebe

-----LE CHÂTEAU DE BARBE-BLEUE @ Theater Dessau

Exceptional and absolutely worth seeing. (...) An outstanding , highly intensive evening . » Deutschland Radio Kultur 29.05.2016 von Franziska Stürz

(...) Breathtaking journey into the darkness of Bluebeard's soul, directed by young Frenchman Benjamin Prins after the entract. With a luminosity of musical pathos was holding, dark opulence. And with surprising effects. (...) Only that here compassion must triumph over the horror is comforting. (...) Prins succeeds to create images of the Mysterious in very different perceptions. (...) From Dessau is to report an impressive Bartók evening, not to be missed!

Mitteldeutsche Zeitung 01.05.2016 von Joachim Lange

French director Benjamin Prins (...) convinced directly with his grim -looking production . He finds strong images , captivating with simple means , and thoughtful acting direction. (...) Great! Together with the stage direction team the both soloists accomplish that the audience so impressed sits at the end of the evening in the chair that it remains ten seconds in absolute silence , before it breaks out into thunderous applause . What a wonderful musical theater evening! (...) You can expect rather big , moving musical theater in all its facets , a strangely rarely proffered pieces combination and outstanding singing . This is an evening that reverberates!

« With great enthusiasm were the two short works received. Although to say is : After a night like this, no lively mind is inclined to compete for home. One feels taken , packed and shaken , because choreographer Tomasz Kajdanski and opera director Benjamin Prins explore the human behavior to a gloomy atmosphere to the bitter end . (...) Ultimately, a downright nerve- fare. (...) For the second part of the engaging Bartók evening keeps the dramatic gloom at consistently . (...) ... Increasingly approaching madness »

Volksstimme, 04.05.2016 von Andreas Behling

----FAUST @ Theater Erfurt

With Mephisto, the inspiration of the young director Benjamin Prins seems limitless .

(...) In all freedom, Prins overflows brilliant ideas .

TA Kultur, 13.04.2105



The

stage direction was unanimously appreciated.

(...) We had not seen such version of the Faust opera by Charles Gounod.

Thüringische Landes Zeitung Kultur, 13.04.2015



----- LA FORZA DEL DESTINO @ Opéra de Cologne

"Olivier Py's acting direction may even find more momentum thanks to the scenic work of Benjamin Prins for the revival."

Opernnetz, 24.01.2014



CRÉATION

TALEN

L'électro-Sophocle de Benjamin Prins

Samedi 19 à 15h et à 16h50 et

dimanche 20 à 14h et à 15h50, "Antigone" de Sophocle, à l'espace Clemenceau, 10 avenue G.-Clemenceau, dans le cadre du festival Festin de pierres de Saint-Jean-de-Védas

Un talent à suivre de très près. Il a un parcours que beaucoup n'ont pas: six années à Vienne, notamment à l'École d'art dramatique, comédien pour l'Opéra du Rhin, plusieurs fois assistant d'Olivier Py, l'actuel directeur du Festival d'Avignon. Mais il a choisi de se poser à Montpellier, où il a fait ses études, à la faveur d'une résidence d'artiste à La Panacée.

Spectacle total. "On ne peut voir un homme que le jour où il exerce le pouvoir": limpidité et modernité de la langue. Benjamin Prins a sýnthétisé plusieurs traductions de référence du texte de Sophocle. L'anarchiste Antigone fait face au pouvoir vicié. Elle invente la désobéissance. "Elle est la première figure individuelle en

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politique." On entend les clameurs de Syriza, en descendance directe. Astucieuse: une tribune en forme de cercueil debout dans une mise en scène sobre. Le spectateur est au cœur du dispositif. Embarqué. Jeunesse de la distribution: avec, notamment, la magnifique Héléna Vautrin. Et prédominance d'un décor sonore "qui interroge la séparation entre la parole politique et la vie privée" imaginé par Julien Guillamat, dont on a déjà pu voir l'orchestre de haut-parleurs.

C'est avec cette brillante signature que Benjamin Prins tente de militer pour un "Nouveau théâtre musical populaire" : sous-titre de son collectif ("Faille") qui veut "développer la pratique d'un spectacle total, bien plus ancré en Allemagne par exemple, et montrer qu'avec peu de moyens on peut faire beaucoup de théâtre, notamment dans la rue". Cela tombe bien: dans les deux cas, un manque cruel se fait sentir.

Valérie Hernandez



Une signature brillante.

Saint-Jean-de-Védas Antigone revisitée

Création très attendue au festival Festin de pierres de Saint-Jean-de-Védas, Antigone de Sophocle est adaptée par Benjamin Prins, dont on a déjà apprécié la mise en scène de

L'Opéra du Gueux et le Stabat Mater l'an dernier. Le collectif Faille propose une version étonnante et engagée, pour quatre acteurs et deux musiciens, mêlant flûtes, musiques du monde, chœurs en langue grecque et musique acousmatique. Le choix du "théâtre itinérant" a pour but de réveiller et d'émerveiller! Antique, mais très actuel. Ce samedi à 15h et 16h 50, dimanche à 14h et 15h50, espace Clémenceau, à Saint-Jean-de-Védas. Gratuit.

"A highly expected creation. (...) The Collectif Faille offers an amazing and committed version for four actors. "

Midi Libre, 19.09.2015, Michèle Fizaine

- "A talent to follow very closely. He has a career that many do not have: six years in Vienna, notably at the High School of performing arts, an actor at the Strasbourg National Opera, ans several times assistant to Olivier Py, director of Avignon Festival.
- (...) Total show. Benjamin Prins synthesized several reference translations of Sophocles' text. Clever: a tribune shaped like a coffin in a sober staging. The spectator is at the heart of the scene. Embedded.
- (...) It is with this brilliant signature that Benjamin Prins tries to militate for a "New popular musical theater".

La Gazette de Montpellier, Valérie Hernandez, n°1422, septembre 2015

-----STABAT MATER @ Collectif faille



Benjamin Prins monte un nouveau collectif de théâtre musical à Montpellier.

- (...) B. Prins incarne un personnage transgenre dans le *Stabat Mater*.
- (...) Connu du public local pour ses mises en scènes opératiques dont L'opéra du gueux de John Gay, (...) il n'a de cesse de développer des projets pour importer la tradition allemande et autrichienne du théâtre musical, qu'il souhaite réhabiliter comme une discipline à part entière.

Benjamin Prins founds a new company of musical theater in Montpellier.

- (...) B. Prins incarnates a transgender person in the Stabat Mater.
- (...) Known to the local public for his operatic productions, including The Beggar's Opera by John Gay, (...) he never ceased developping projects to import the German and Austrian traditions of musical theater, and he wishes to rehabilitate it as a discipline in its own right.

L'Hérault du Jour, Axelle Chevallier, 17 octobre 2014

-----THE ODYSSEE @ Opéra de Wuppertal

« The whole is really powerful and astonishingly simple »

Theater Pur: in NRW, 19.10.13

« A great moment of pleasure (...). Between Nostalgy and Modern ».

Westdeutsche Zeitung, 19.10.13

« This was spectacular lyric theater, carefully staged. »

Engels-Kultur.de, Peter Ortmann, 31.10.2013



-----THE BEGGAR'S OPERA @ Opéra National Montpellier



« Benjamin Prins's stage direction seems to be at

least one of the best of this season »

La Gazette de Montpellier, 12 avril 2013

« A whirlwind of freshness (...) The staging of Britten's Opéra du Gueux was very much applauded at the Opéra-Comédie in Montpellier. Benjamin Prins has set the tone just to highlight the freshness the performers who swirl as in a chase run to escape morality and death. (...) All the resources are used for a show that shakes the stage. The absurd reigns there like the jargon. "

Midi Libre, 5 avril 2013

« The staging of Benjamin Prins is intelligent and puts the action in our time in a metal set in constant evolution. (...) A permanent dynamism and a sensible happiness to be on stage, under the direction of the director."

L'Hérault du Jour, 9 avril 2013

------PARISIAN LIFE @ Opéra National du Rhin

"And finally a mention for the spoken role of Alphonse, held here by the protean artist Benjamin Prins. (With the help of Benjamin Prins, a protean artist, you are told ...) with the inevitable puns and allusions to the politico-media news which contribute to the cheerful mood that characterizes the show." Opéra Online, Emmanuel Andrieu, 16 décembre 2014



---- LA PRINCESSE DE TREBIZONDE @ Opéra-Théâtre Saint-Etienne, Opéra de Limoges

"In the company of his assistant and accomplice Benjamin Prins, one can not deny that this use of the verb in the vocabulary of our time, which everyone understands and savors, brings a delicious and very well come touch."

Anaclase.com, 20.06.2013

"But as often at Offenbach, the work is a social satire of the rulers, and the dramatic advisor Benjamin Prins added a little spice to the original text by rewriting some of the spoken dialogues. (...) Let's say that every time they succeed in the audience and that the goal is reached!"

ODB-Opera.com, 8.05.2013

"Rediscovery of a piece that Waut Koeken and dramatic advisor Benjamin Prins approach with a mixture of fantasy, energy and tender derision, which makes this production oscillate between laughter and magic. The modernization of the dialogues allows many winks to the actuality."

Concertclassic.com.

23.05.2013

" And the dialogues, evoking with brilliance the actuality, succeed each time, for a general burst of laughter."

Classiquenews.com, 20.05.2013

------ SUCKTION & Miss Donnithorne @ @ Vienna Chamber Opera

"Absolutely captivating and successful evening (...) Benjamin Prins's direction reveals rich ideas and focuses on the essential. The staging perfectly fits to the scenography (Thomas Mörschbacher), the costumes (Dritan Kosovrasti) and the video installations (Julia Mott)."

terz_magazin, 11.05.12

" Stifling, but limpid in the staging of Benjamin Prins. The scenography of Thomas Kurt Mörschbacher is magnificent."

Kurier, 15.05.12

"Two new bizarre operas by Peter Maxwell Davies and Anne Le Baron (...) Great acclamation, direct interest and sincere ovation."

----- MAE MONA @ Forum Neues Musiktheater Wien

"In the central aria, Akiko Nakajima is fully engaged in the interpretation of the role. In the staging of Benjamin Prins, she draws the equivocal portrait of a tortured woman, who tortures in return. The direction of the actors shines as much as the scenography of Thomas Kurt Mörschbacher. (...) In this production of the 2009 Neues Musiktheater Forum, an extreme tension dominates to the final murder. The production should be played on grand opera houses."

Wiener Zeitung, 29.05.09

"Noteworthy World Premiere in Vienna (...). Benjamin Prins's skillful and direct staging, In the beautifully illuminated set of Thomas K. Mörschbacher, fully tells the lyrical violence of the piece."

Die Presse,

28.05.09

-----THE ISLAND OF TULIPATAN & BA-TA-CLAN @ Vienna Chamber Opera

"Benjamin Prins as a narrator rejoiced the audience with his scathing irony and his crystal clear French diction."

Der Neue Merker, 6/10/2009

- "Benjamin Prins is in both pieces an ideal narrator"

 Kurier, 11/10/2009
- "Very important also: the narrator played by Benjamin Prins who using the surtitles demonstrates his comic talent."

Kulturwoche.at, 10.10.2009

"A narrator with an eloquent style. (Benjamin Prins)"



Wiener Zeitung, 03.10.2009

"The Narrator Benjamin Prins plays with the sometimes delusional surtitles."

Der Neue Merker, 11.2009

"Benjamin Prins as a narrator enriches the play with his irony, his squeaky humor and his perfect French diction."

Name It, 08.11.2009

-----THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS @ University of Music and permorming Arts Vienna

"The young director Benjamin Prins has succeeded in experimenting his style and in showing his inventiveness. He demonstrated how staging, even without great means, can create theatrical virtuosity and constant tension on stage (...) A remarkable production."

Der Neue Merker, 28.05.08