



BEN HEPPNER

Ben Heppner is renowned worldwide for his portrayals in the dramatic tenor repertoire. His illustrious career has taken him to opera stages and concert halls around the world. He is acclaimed for the beauty of his voice, incisive musicianship, and his generosity with his audience. His performances on the opera stage, in concert with the world's leading orchestras, in the most prestigious recital venues, and in recordings have set new standards in his demanding repertoire.

Heppner studied music at the University of British Columbia. He first gained national attention in 1979 as the winner of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Talent Festival. In December 1998, CBC Television's *SOMETHING SPECIAL* featured Ben Heppner in an hour-long portrait of the artist. He is a 1988 winner of the Metropolitan Opera auditions and received Grammy® Awards in 1998 for his recording of *Die Meistersinger* on London/Decca records and in 2001 for his recording of *Les Troyens* with the London Symphony Orchestra on LSOLive. Ben Heppner is a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Heppner now brings his voice to the airwaves of CBC Radio as host of *SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA*, featuring the finest opera productions and recordings from around the world, as well as *BACKSTAGE*, where Ben share stories from behind the magic curtain and his passion for great classical music.

Ben Heppner lives in Toronto with his wife. He has three grown children and is a proud Papa to five grandchildren. Heppner loves drinking coffee on the deck and touring the countryside on his motorcycle.