



CELSO ALBELO

The dulcet tones of the Tenerife-born tenor

Celso Albelo is a world renowned tenor who was born in Tenerife in 1976.

When we see his name in a programme listing, for example during the Opera season at the Tenerife Auditorium, he is usually simply referred to as a "Tenerife-born tenor", but there is much more to Celso than that appellation suggests.

Celso Albelo specialises in light opera and recitals. He is currently considered one of the best tenors of our time and is a truly international artist.

Like many of the great Spanish singers, he has a full-bodied voice, smooth and easy, with a bright and attractive tone. Add this to his refined vocal phrasing and expressive diction, and it's no wonder the songs he performs are

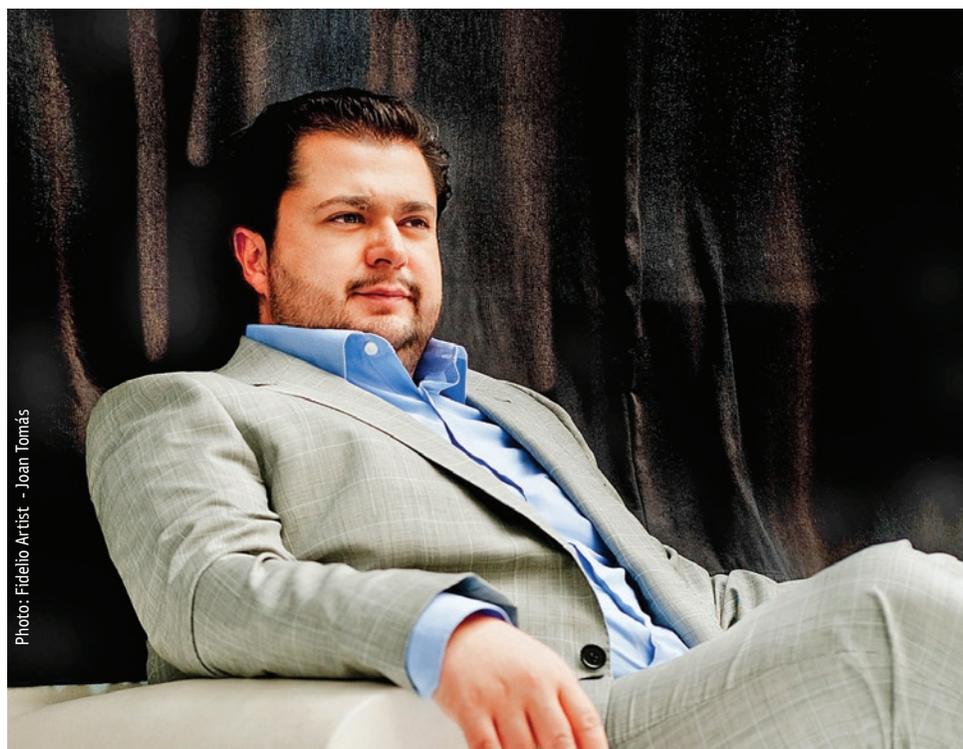


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↗ **Performing in *Ann Boleyn*, in Vienna**

↖ **Celso is clearly happy with his operatic career**

guaranteed to take the audience to previously uncharted areas.

Island Connections spoke to Celso shortly before he set off for Australia, the only continent where he had wanted to perform but hadn't yet done so. He was there to play the role of Arturo in *I Puritani* at the Arts Centre in Melbourne.

We asked him how his musical career began. Celso told *Island Connections* that he grew up as part of a normal Canarian family whose members weren't professionally involved in music but who do enjoy the local folk sounds. He had a normal childhood and school life, where he wasn't particularly involved in music either.

While he was at university, however, at the age of 18 or 19, the opportunity arose for him to take guitar lessons and it was then that he started to sing a little too. He enjoyed



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