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Stephen Swanson, professor

Stephen Swanson is a concert and opera singer, a teacher of singing, and opera stage director. He earned degrees from North Park College and Northwestern University and served a two-year AGMA apprenticeship with the Wolf Trap Company. After an internship at the International Opera Studio of the Zurich Opera, Swanson sang in opera houses in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands, amassing a repertoire of 91 roles in operas, operettas, and musicals. Since 1994, he has been Professor of Voice at The University of Iowa.

Swanson toured extensively in North America and Europe, singing the title role in Victor Ullmann's *Der Kaiser von Atlantis*. This historical reconstruction of the original orchestration and vocal score was documented on a compact disc recording produced by Studio Matouš and ARBOS, Company for Music and Theater (Austria). He is currently touring with composer/pianist David Gompper presenting their recital *Was my brother in the*

battle? Songs of War, which is available on compact disc from Albany Records.

An extremely versatile performer, Swanson sings works from the Baroque to the avant-garde as well as standard baritone repertoire, such as Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem, Mendelssohn's Elijah, and his signature piece, Carl Orff's Carmina Burana.

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