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Biography

Donald Braswell II was born and raised in a quiet country town in south Texas. This fourth child of performing artist parents was already singing at the age of seven in local theatre with his mother. Throughout his teens, Donald became heavily involved in theatre productions and sought to further his musical aspirations after High school.

Upon graduation from High school, Donald auditioned for and was awarded a full scholarship in 1986 to study at the renowned Juilliard School in New York. After graduating in 1990 his career was on a fast track. Following his college years, Donald was selected as one of the winners of the Liederkrantz Foundation Vocal Competition and was also awarded an artist grant from the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation International Vocal Competition. As a result of his involvement with the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation, Donald was privileged to briefly study with the great Franco Corelli. Donald was also privileged to be a student of Franco Bertacci. To this day he attributes his study of voice to Maestro Bertacci's technique. Following his studies Donald embarked upon a career as a young premier operatic tenor singing lead roles in Regional Theatres and Major Opera Houses throughout the United States and Europe. He was making huge strides as a young professional when tragedy struck.

During a series of performances in 1995 in the United Kingdom, Donald was hit by a car while riding a bicycle. He suffered severe damage to the soft tissue in his throat and was told by medical professionals that he might not be able to sing or speak normally again. Donald was determined to beat the odds and spent the next few years working diligently to regain the normal use of his voice.

Without a means of survival he and his wife moved away from New York, back to their home state, Texas, to start again. With a great deal of faith, determination, and hard work, Donald has overcome the physical obstacles that he was told he might always have and now is back performing for audiences around the world.

In 2008 Donald auditioned for the Talent Competition, "America's Got Talent". Ready to let the world know he was back, he won a position in each round, pouring out his heart and soul every step of the way. Out of over 250,000 contestants Donald managed to make the Top 5 and was awarded the great privilege of being selected to perform at The MGM Garden Arena in the "America's Got Talent" Live Show in Las Vegas.

He now has evolved from his life experiences as a performing artist, into a phenomenon that the world has never seen before. An artist that can sing with a classically trained technique to all genres of music without taking away from the legitimate style of that art form but adding a depth to it that no one else can or will ever.

"It is God's job to know when the end is, and He will surely let us know when that time comes. Until then, we are not serving anyone or ourselves if we give up. Keep going, no matter what the odds." Donald Braswell

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Sample Repertoire

Candle In The Wind, Elton John
On the Street Where You Live
The Good Life, Tony Bennett
Lensky's Aria (Kuda, kuda vi udalilis)
Nights In White Satin, Mario Frangoulis version
If Ever I Would Leave You
Con Te Partirò, Andrea Bocelli
Stranger In Paradise
Here I Am, Bryan Adams
E lucevan le stelle
When You Love Someone, Bryan Adams
La donna è mobile
Torna A Surriento, Luciano Pavarotti
Non ti scordar di me
Sometimes I Dream, Mario Frangoulis
Younger Than Springtime
A Change Is Gonna Come, Seal or Sam Cooke
Salut! demeure chaste et pure
Beyond The Sea, Bobby Darin
Night of My Nights
Buongiorno Principessa, from La Vita E Bella
Blue Suede Shoes, Elvis
Vincerò Perderò, Mario Frangoulis
Duet: The Prayer, Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli

Unchained Melody
Pourquoi me reveiller
Mack The Knife
Fanny
Nella Fantasia
Be My Love
Music Of The Night
Di quella pira
Fly Me To The Moon
Di' tu se fedele
Who Can I Turn To
Vesti la giubba
Here's To The Heros
Mattinata
Thankful, Josh Groban
Nessun dorma
Strangers in The Night
O sole mio
You Raise Me Up
Pecchè
Rosa, by Agustín Lara
Core 'ngrato
Sogno
Impossible Dream

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QUOTES

“What a voice, how great it is, he has an amazing career ahead of him!”

Josh Groban, The Billy Bush Show

“Congratulations on ‘Music of the Night’, a fantastic performance of the song I wrote for ‘Phantom of the Opera’, I’d love to work with you one day.”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

“Your voice is really Magnificent...He is a great singer.”

Sharon Osbourne

“Don Braswell of San Antonio was left unable to speak after being hit by a car while mountain biking in 1995. He made an emotional return to the stage, performing Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up" and bringing the crowd to its feet.”

Sean Daly, New York Post

“Wow, what a performance....you have this ability to emotionally carry an audience with you.”

Piers Morgan

“You sound amazing, it’s very inspiring.”

Ann Curry, The Today Show

“Don has it all, the voice, the looks, the movie star swagger, he is one of the greats that could transcend and reform the entertainment industry. He’s better than he was even before his accident and he was great then. Truly amazing talent!”

*Mark Richter, General Director
San Antonio Opera*

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PRE-ACCIDENT QUOTES AND REVIEWS

Tosca

“It’s unlikely you’ll find a better tenor than Donald Braswell for the role of the painter, Cavaradossi. This fiery character sings his arias of love for the beautiful Tosca in a voice which is full of emotion. Often there is a tearful catch in his voice. Yet he’s a daring revolutionary as well as an ardent lover. Perfectly sung, perfectly acted. He could become either the greatest singer the world has ever known or the greatest film actor, you take your pick.”

Greensboro News and Record

“Donald Braswell as Cavaradossi, presented a bold and striking lover. His singing and acting are strong. This man takes this art form to another level indeed.”

North Carolina Press

“After Donald Braswell sang ‘Vittoria’ he won a standing ovation that is reminiscent of the greatest performances that any of us can remember.

Opera News Magazine

Cavalleria Rusticana

“The most interesting performance comes from tenor Donald Braswell. Braswell has a striking tenor voice and sings with nuanced sensitivity”

Courier Post

Rigoletto

“By the time Braswell romped effortlessly through the Duke of Mantua’s signature aria, ‘La Donna e Mobile’ in Act III, we had been treated to a superior performance of Verdi’s supremely entertaining tragedy.”

The Texas Triangle

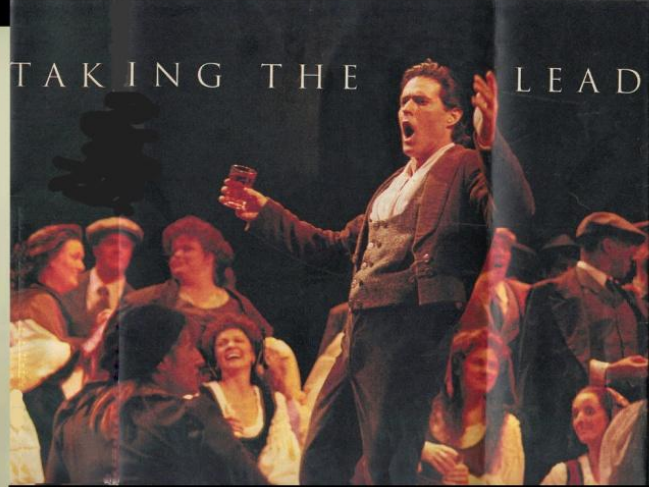
Madama Butterfly

“Most notable was Donald Braswell as Pinkerton. His powerful tenor voice was packed with emotion. He has commanding stage presence. This is a singer to watch.”

The Idaho Statesman

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WELCOME!

"From the very instant Donald starts to sing you find yourself holding your breath, captivated by the passionate intensity and subtle control of his magnificent voice that stirs something deep within your soul. There is just something unique and compelling about his rich beautiful tenor that makes you long for more and feel a sense of loss when the song finally ends. Once you hear his interpretation of a song you are forever spoiled for the original whether it is opera or pop. He truly has the voice of an Angel."



“ Follow Your Dream!!! ”

LINKS

www.donaldbraswell.com

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Braswell_II

www.myspace.com/donaldbraswellmusic

www.donaldbraswellfanclub.org

America's Got Talent and other Performance Links

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RerU3W2tMdY>

http://www.nbc.com/Americas_Got_Talent/video/clips/donald-braswell/573182/

http://www.nbc.com/Americas_Got_Talent/video/clips/donald-braswell/646841/

<http://www.truveo.com/Donald-Braswell-Top10/id/3872558054>

<http://www.truveo.com/Donald-Braswell-You-Raise-me-Up/id/3589945836>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUjH8MSoPpk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIQWa1JqqIA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewNF3lPjUIg>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4ZfiIaMxRw>

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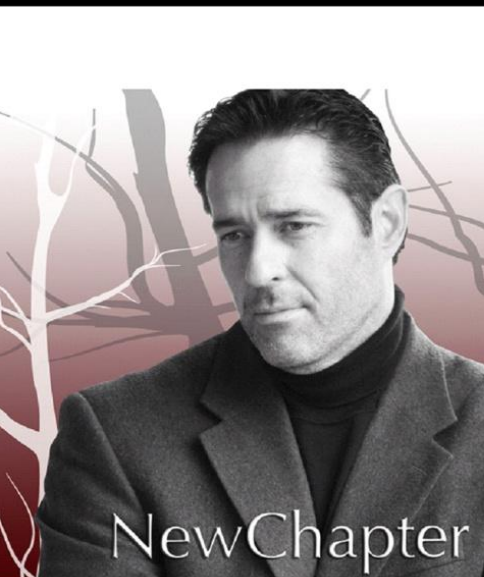
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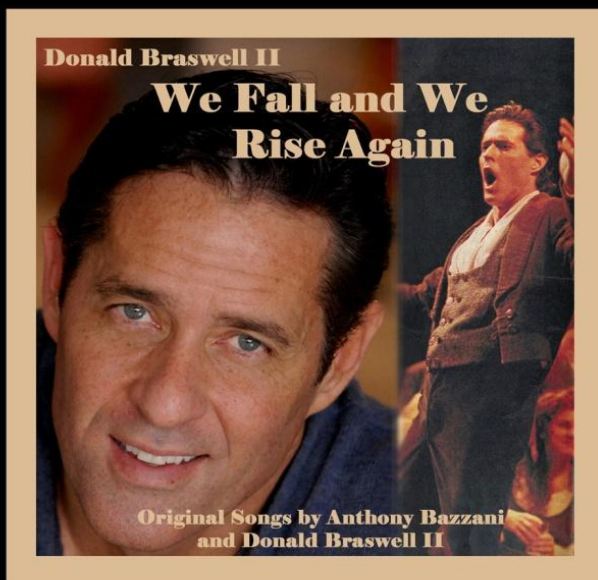
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