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Alex worked as a doctor at the Royal London Hospital for 2 years before enrolling onto the opera course at the Royal Academy of Music, where he studied with Nuccia Focile.

In 2019 Alex graduated from the RAM, covered Vašek for Garsington festival, and D'Esparaudieu in Gerald Barry's *The Intelligence Park* for the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (Linbury Theatre). He also sang Alfredo in *La Traviata* at Teatro Garibaldi, in Modica, Sicily and Alfonso in Schubert's Alfonso und Estrella, for opera de Baugé. He also reached the finals of both the Emmy Destin and Maureen Lehane competitions.

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, Alex returned to work as an A&E doctor and came to international attention for his singing in hospitals. In-between lockdowns, Alex performed Satyavan in Hampstead Garden Opera's production of *Savitri*, and the role of Der Wirt in *Der Rosenkavalier* for Garsington Opera Festival.

| Operatic Roles | | | | |
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| Role | <u>Opera</u> | Conductor/Director/Company/Year | | |
| Ruggiero | La Rondine | David Roblou/John Upperton/Midsummer Opera (upcoming Nov '23) | | |
| Jephtha | Jeptha | Philip Lawton/Piggots March 2023 (in concert) | | |
| Don Jose | Carmen | Benjamin Hamilton, DEBUT! , Oct 2022 | | |
| David | Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg | Sam Laughton, Piggotts Sep 2022 (in concert) | | |
| Ahasveros | Ester (Lidarti) UK Première | Andrew Griffiths/Hampstead Garden Opera, 2022 | | |
| Der Wirt | Der Rosenkavalier | Jordan de Souza,Bruno Ravello,Garsington, June 2021 | | |
| Satyavan | Savitri (Gustav Holst) | Thomas Payne, Julia Mintzer, Hampstead Garden Op. Aug 2020 | | |
| Alfredo | La Traviata | Sam Evans, Sophie Gilpin Martin Randall Opera Festival 2019 | | |
| D'Esparadieu (cover) | The Intelligence Park (Barry) | Jessica Cottis, Nigel Lowery Royal Opera House, Covent Garden 2019 | | |
| Alfonso | Alfonso und Estrella (Schubert) | Alexander Ingram, Bernadette Grimmet Opera de Baugé 2019 | | |
| Vašek (cover) | The Bartered Bride | Jacque Van Steen, Paul Curran Garsington, July 2019 | | |
| Cassio | Otello (Verdi) | Sam Laughton, Piggotts 2018 | | |
| Tito | La Clemenza di Tito (Scenes) | Louisa Muller, Matthew Rose Scuola di belcanto 2018 | | |
| Bill | Flight (Jonathan Dove) | Martin Duncan, Gareth Hancock Royal Academy of Music 2018 | | |
| Tom Rakewell | The Rake's Progress (scenes) | Oliver Gooch, Bruno Ravella RAO 2018 | | |
| Mercure | Orphée aux Enfers | Martin Duncan, Gareth Hancock, Royal Academy of Music 2017 | | |
| Oronte | Alcina (Handel) | Olivia Fuchs, Iain Ledingham, Royal Academy of Music 2016 | | |

| Oratorio (Highlights) | | | | |
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| <u>Work</u> | Conductor | Ensemble/Year | | |
| Puccini Messa di Gloria | John Holloway | Tewkesbury Abbey CS 2023 | | |
| Stainer Crucifixion | Jonathan Veira | St Saviour's Choir 2023 | | |
| Bach Christmas Oratorio (Evangelist) | John Holloway | Tewkesbury Abbey CS 2019 | | |
| Rossini Petite Messe Sollenelle | Thomas Gebhardt | Collegium Cantorum, Köln 2018 | | |
| Mozart Requiem | Grant Llewellyn | Philharmonia (Rehearsal) 2017 | | |
| Verdi Requiem | Tim Venvell | High Wycombe CS 2017 | | |
| Mendellsohn <i>Elijah</i> | Robin Carter | Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra 2017 | | |
| Peter White <i>Te Deum</i> (world premiere) | Jonathan Willcox | Chichester Singers 2016 | | |
| Bach Matthew Passion (Evangelist) | Aldwych sinfonia | St George's Bloomsbury 2015 | | |
| Jay Crossland <i>New Nocturnes</i> (world premiere) | Jay Crossland | Snape Maltings, Britten-Pears Young Artists 2014 | | |
| Handel Messiah | John Holloway | Tewkesbury Abbey CS 2014 | | |
| Bach Matthew Passion (Arias) | Chris Monks | Armonico Consort 2014 | | |

| <u>Competitions</u> | | | |
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| Competition | <u>Year</u> | Place | |
| Emmy Destin Competition (UK) | 2019 | Finalist | |
| Maureen Lehane Competition (UK) | 2019 | Finalist | |
| Clermont-Ferrand Competition (Fr) | 2019 | Semi-finalist | |

Promoting the arts

During the lockdowns, Alex appeared on news programmes all over the world campaigning for support for the arts. He released a charity single to raise money for NHS staff, patients and families effected by the pandemic. He also took part in a series of online concerts with EnSEmble26, appeared on Bitesize Proms, fundraising for Help Musicians UK, and Google Talks, promoting the tech industry's role in supporting the arts. He also recently appeared on the debut album of poet laureate Simon Armitage and his band LYR.

Aspirations

As well as having a career within the opera industry, Alex hopes to become an ambassador for opera, and to help spread the message that the arts are for everyone. Alex believes passionately in the capacity of the arts for individual transformation, and connecting and empowering all members of society.