

Octavio Cardenas, stage director

TRAINING

Master of Fine Arts in Acting	UCLA School of Theater Film and Television
Master of Music in Vocal Performance	University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance	Centenary College of Louisiana

POSITIONS HELD

Head of Directing Staff	Des Moines Metro Opera	2012-2019
Director of Baylor Opera	School of Music, Baylor University	2012-2017
Resident Artist Stage Director	Minnesota Opera	2008-2012
Staff Stage Director	Chautauqua Opera	2008-2011

OPERATIC REPERTOIRE DIRECTED

Zorro (World Premiere)	Armienta	Fort Worth Opera	2020
La traviata	Verdi	Southwest Opera	2020
Pagliacci	Leoncavallo	North Carolina Opera	2020
Frida Kahlo and the Bravest			
Girl in the World (World Premier)	Illick/Campbell	Fort Worth Opera	2019
Madame Butterfly	Puccini	Opera Santa Barbara	2019
27	Gordon	Intermountain Opera	2019
La boheme	Puccini	Des Moines Metro Opera	2019
Dead Man Walking	Heggie	Opera Delaware	2019
Pagliacci/Pulcinella	Leoncavallo/Stravinsky	Orlando Opera	2019
Maria de Buenos Aires	Piazzola	Opera Southwest	2019
Eugene Onegin	Tchaikovsky	LSU Opera	2018
La rondine	Puccini	Minnesota Opera	2018
The Tender Land	Copland	Des Moines Metro Opera	2018
Falstaff	Verdi	Intermountain Opera	2018
Turandot	Puccini	Mississippi Opera	2018
Bless Me, Ultima (world premiere)	Armienta	Opera Southwest	2018
Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena	Mack	Opera in the Heights	2017
María de Buenos Aires	Piazzolla	Pensacola Opera	2017
La fille du régiment	Donizetti	Opera in the Heights	2017
María de Buenos Aires	Piazzolla	Des Moines Metro Opera	2017
La bohème	Puccini	Minnesota Opera	2017
La finta giardiniera	Mozart	Baylor Opera	2017
Galileo Galilei	Glass	Des Moines Metro Opera	2016
Carmen	Bizet	Opera Santa Barbara	2016
María de Buenos Aires	Piazzolla	Opera Grand Rapids	2016
Florencia en el Amazonas	Catán	Tulsa Opera YAP Program	2016
Die Fledermaus	J. Strauss	Baylor Opera	2016
As One	Kaminsky	UrbanArias	2015
Rappaccini's Daughter	Catán	Des Moines Metro Opera	2015
Silent Night	Puts	Lyric Opera of Kansas City	2015
L'elisir d'amore	Donizetti	Baylor Opera	2015
The Magic Flute	Mozart	Opera NEO	2014
Silent Night	Puts	Fort Worth Opera	2014
The Turn of the Screw	Britten	Baylor Opera	2013
Dialogues of the Carmelites	Poulenc	Baylor Opera	2013
Rita	Donizetti	Baylor Opera	2012
The Giver	Kander	Minnesota Opera	2012

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Susannah	Floyd	Loyola University, New Orleans	2011
Opera Scenes	Various	Chautauqua Opera	2010
Opera goes underground	Various	Minnesota Opera Cabaret	2010
Les pêcheurs de perles	Bizet	Minnesota Opera (Sinclair production)	2009
Opera Scenes	Various	Chautauqua Opera	2009
Brundibár	Krásá	Minnesota Opera	2009
The Impresario	Mozart	Butler Opera Center	2008

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Moby-Dick	Kristine McIntyre	Utah Opera	2018
Billy Budd	Kristine McIntyre	Des Moines Metro Opera	2017
Falstaff	Tomer Zvulun	Des Moines Metro Opera	2016
Jenufa	Kristine McIntyre	Des Moines Metro Opera	2015
Dead Man Walking	Kristine McIntyre	Des Moines Metro Opera	2014
Tosca	Michael Cavanagh	Austin Lyric Opera	2014
Peter Grimes	Kristine McIntyre	Des Moines Metro Opera	2013
Silent Night	Eric Simonson	Opera of Philadelphia	2013
Eugene Onegin	Kristine McIntyre	Des Moines Metro Opera	2012
Madame Butterfly	E. Reed Fisher	Minnesota Opera	2012
Lucia di Lammermoor	James Robinson	Minnesota Opera	2012
Werther	Kevin Newbury	Minnesota Opera	2012
Silent Night	Eric Simonson	Minnesota Opera	2011
Così fan tutte	Peter Rothstein	Minnesota Opera	2011
Don Pasquale	A. Scott Parry	Des Moines Metro Opera	2011
Wuthering Heights	Eric Simonson	Minnesota Opera	2011
La Traviata	Lawrence Edelson	Minnesota Opera	2011
La Cenerentola	Doug Varone	Minnesota Opera	2010
Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci	Jay Lessenger	Chautauqua Opera	2010
Norma	Jay Lesenger	Chautauqua Opera	2010
Salome	David Lefkovich	Minnesota Opera	2010
La boheme	Justin Way	Minnesota Opera	2010
Roberto Devereux	Kevin Newbury	Minnesota Opera	2010
Casanova's Homecoming	James Robinson	Minnesota Opera	2009
Tosca	Henry Akina	Chautauqua Opera	2009
Il barbiere di Siviglia	Kevin Newbury	Minnesota Opera	2009
The Adventures of Pinocchio	Martin Duncan	Minnesota Opera	2009
Faust	Doug Varone	Minnesota Opera	2008
Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Elise Sandell	Minnesota Opera	2008
Il trovatore	Kevin Newbury	Minnesota Opera	2008
Così fan tutte	Jay Lessenger	Chautauqua Opera	2008
La Traviata	A. Scott Parry	Chautauqua Opera	2008