

## Alfie Boe Interview Transcript

### Alfie Boe, Tenor:

I personally like to have the orchestra with me on stage because it makes you feel a part of the orchestra and part of the group. Because you are just an instrument as well on that stage and everybody one that stage has an important job to do. The fact that I'm just singing the song is just another aspect of the music.

I think you should really do the songs in the same way as you would on stage; feel the role, feel what you're saying. The basic thing is understanding what you're talking about. If you believe what you're talking about then it's going to come across very well.

Some actors say become the character. You can't really become the character you can feel the character, you can try and relate to what they're feeling. That's what I try to do as a singer; to try to relate to how they would be feeling in that instant.

Hopefully you have a bit of space between each song to go off stage, get your thoughts, get your feeling and know where you're coming from but other times you have to really quickly change to the next scene, the next story, the next character or the next thing you're singing about.

One of the arias I'm going to be singing is the Italian tenor aria from *Der Rosenkavalier*. The Italian tenor dramatically walks onto the stage and sings this mighty, fantastic Italian aria. The actual opera is in German but he walks on and sings this glorious aria and brings the house down basically! So hopefully I'll have that same response!

I'd like to eventually get to the bigger roles like Radames in *Aida* and Cavaradossi in *Tosca*; things like that, it'd be beautiful to sing that repertoire. It's something that I grew up listening to and you always get the warning as a young tenor to not do that too soon, to not jump the gun, to be patient.

It can be a bit of a roller-coaster but every roller-coaster has its dips and its climbs but I'm just taking the ride as it comes along and it is a long way from where I came from but I'm taking every day as it comes and every challenge.