

# Tenor Jonathan goes it alone with new operatic album

## CELEBRITY INTERVIEW

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**J**ONATHAN ANTOINE sounds a little nervous. The day we speak is the eve of his performance at the iTunes Festival in London – where he's due to be a guest of the world famous tenor Placido Domingo – and the 19-year-old singer from Essex understandably has a few butterflies.

"It very much feels the same as going on *Britain's Got Talent*," he says. "Abject terror. I'm scared of going up there and I can't even be heard next to this massive sound."

At the same time, Antoine, who with then partner Charlotte Jaconelli finished runner up in the 2012 series of the ITV primetime talent show, says he is "terrifically honoured" to be asked to perform at the festival's closing night at The Roundhouse.

Domingo is an idol of his. "He

sings in two different ranges. He's an all-round genius. Wow!"

Antoine has just completed his first 'balcony' tour, giving free performances in Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham and Cardiff city centres. "I personally think it went fantastically," he says. "I had a lot fun. It was something completely different from anything I've done before."

All this activity is the prelude to the release of his

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..... first solo album, *Tenore*, which comes out on Monday October 13. It showcases the teenager's love of Italian opera.

He credits Jenny Ewington, his singing coach at West Hatch comprehensive school in Chigwell, for kickstarting his fondness for classical music.

Though he confesses he can speak "precisely zero" Italian, he's able to find his way into the songs and arias by having

them translated – literally at first then into a "more poetic rhyming version, so I can get exactly what it means and have more creative licence".

He looks back on the *Britain's Got Talent* experience as "terrifying mainly" but he also found "a strange sense of community" with fellow performers.

Despite the fact that judge Simon Cowell suggested he ditch his singing partner after their first televised audition, Antoine says he and Jaconelli found him "really easy" to work with when he became their manager. "He does not go for the in-your-face approach in real life. He's more of a backseat man. He likes to give people control and see where they go with it."

After two hit albums Antoine and Jaconelli announced they were splitting up earlier this year. Antoine is appreciates the support she gave him when he suffered depression after being bullied over his weight. He says he could not have done *BGT* "in the mental state that I was in at the time" without her.

● *Tenore* is released on October 13. Visit [www.jonathanantoineofficial.com](http://www.jonathanantoineofficial.com)



**BRIGHT TALENT:** Jonathan Antoine is about to release his first solo album. +PICTURE: PAUL MARC MITCHELL

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# Claire Petulengro

YOUR STARS



### ARIES MAR 21-APR 20

You and a close one are at cross purposes. If you can oppose their plans today, then you probably will. Try to show them grace. Flexibility for your own dreams is yours if you do.

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### TAURUS APR 21-MAY 21

Changes you thought you wanted don't seem so appealing now you've looked at them in depth. Don't be afraid to back out of what can't work for you. Do it while you still have the chance.

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### GEMINI MAY 22-JUN 21

Don't give away more information than you have to about your personal life. You would be far better to leave a little, if not all, to the imagination. You'll find out why this evening.

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### CANCER JUN 22-JUL 22

Why are you focusing on what's not possible when you should be concentrating on what is. Try to move on from what occurred. The person concerned was not a positive influence anyway.

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A lazy mood could see you giving up on things you should be pushing forward. Try to assert yourself and finish what you've started. Important progress can and should be made now.

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### VIRGO AUG 24-SEP 22

You think you know all there is to know about a drama unfolding, when in fact you only have half the facts. Listen to what is being said today. It can help you work out where your loyalty should lie.

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### LIBRA SEP 23-OCT 23

A home affair which has been causing you strain and worry reaches a turning point as you both agree to meet half way. Well done for showing you can be the bigger person when it counts.

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I can see the stress which has been affecting your chart recently, but I can also see that you're coming out the other side. Eyes forward my friend. Life begins again.

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### SAGITTARIUS NOV 22-DEC 20

You think you're stuck in a rut and that you have no choices, but you are wrong. Try to think outside the box today. The very faces you think won't help, can and will.

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You seem to be spending a lot of your time running around for others who can't or don't want to do things for themselves. Someone needs the apron strings cutting. The sooner the better.

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Something which has not been going your way is given a boost by a new influence who can help you to turn events around in your favour. Dress well, there's someone you'll want to impress.

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Games you play in love will come back on you. Take your time my friend and think carefully about the choices you are making today. They can and will dictate your future.

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