



OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRESENTS

# Connecting with the Arts



## The Tenor Voice

A Tenor is a male singer that can sing at the highest natural vocal ranges that the male voice is capable of. There are many types of tenors that sing at various vocal ranges that serve a variety of roles in vocal performances.

### **Comic Tenor**

The *Comic Tenor*, or the *tenor buffo*, is a role reserved for tenors with the ability to act in a comedic role as a part of an opera performance.

### **Leggiero Tenor**

The *Leggiero Tenor* voice can sing at a higher octave than other tenors. Some refer to the Leggiero Tenor as “tenore di grazia.”

### **Lyric Tenor**

The *Lyric Tenor* has a strong voice that can be heard above the playing of an orchestra. There are two types of Lyric Tenors, the Light Lyric Tenor and the Full Lyric Tenor.

### **Spinto Tenor**

The *Spinto Tenor*, much like the Lyric Tenor, has a strong voice that can be heard above the playing of an orchestra but this tenor has the ability to reach more dramatic climaxes.

### **Dramatic Tenor**

The *Dramatic Tenor*, also known as “tenore di forza” has a very powerful and booming voice and often is given roles that require a more dramatic voice or presence.

## Try this:

- 1) Identify the vocal range that each of these tenor voices would fall into and what types of roles each tenor would fill in a live performance.
- 2) Attend a live performance. OCCC presents The Texas Tenors on Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater located at 7777 S. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK.
- 3) Attend a FREE Educational Lecture. The concert at OCCC is a ticketed event, but there will be an educational pre-concert talk about the History of the Tenor Voice presented by Dr. Frank Ragsdale, Professor of Voice, Oklahoma City University, from 6:00-6:45 PM on the theater stage. There is no charge for the educational presentation.



For more information regarding the Educational Lecture or Live Performance please call: (405) 682-7576. Tickets to the performance may be purchased at [tickets.occc.edu](http://tickets.occc.edu).

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