

Pharel Jonathan Silaban, an Indonesian lyric tenor, followed a unique career path that began in finance and accounting but quickly found resonance in the world of opera. His journey took shape as a result of his extraordinary talent and deep-seated passion. Following national competition successes, Pharel was cast in a major opera production created by acclaimed Indonesian composer Ananda Sukarlan.

He received a Master of Music in Voice Performance from the Eastman School of Music after completing a Graduate Diploma in Voice Performance at the Royal College of Music.

Throughout his scholastic journey, Pharel had the opportunity to get coaching from renowned mentors, which enhanced his voice artistry.

Aside from his academic interests, Pharel is passionate about developing vocal talents and contributing to Indonesia's cultural scene. To share his skills and motivate future performers, he founded the Karya Vocal Studio and Persona Performing Arts. Notably, Pharel received the National Society of Arts and Letters Kentucky Chapter award for his community contributions to the arts. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Musical Arts in Voice Performance at the University of Kentucky, where he is mentored by Cynthia Lawrence-Calkins. His international debut was as Rinuccio in Puccini's opera Gianni Schicchi at the Bayview Summer Music Festival in Summer 2023. In addition, he also played as Sam Pollock in the University of Kentucky Opera Theater's staging of Carlisle Floyd's opera "Susannah" for the Fall 2023/2024 season.