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Richard Miller has had a distinguished international performance opera and recital career, is a celebrated masterclass presenter, vocal researcher, competition adjudicator, and prolific author.

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