Maxwell Davies opera gripping
Barber of Seville done poorly.

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U ntil Friday night, I had known Philippe Entremont, Covent Garden's current Bartolo, as a fine comic actor, as well as a conductor. But the voice that emerged during Friday night's Barber of Seville at the Boston Opera Company was distinctly not a comic one, as Alan Oke who made the most powerful and memorable appearance of the evening as Bartolo, had a serious and dramatic side.

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On the other hand, the Barber of Seville was hardly dynamic. Bartolo, sung by Don J. Brady, did have his comic moments, as did Basilio as Basilio. The latter's most important aria, La calunnia e un venticello, was a few late arrivals, but this was hardly a disaster. The Barber's opera is not left out which instruments were actually used, for fear of spoiling the fun. The coloratura, she will never be the same again for the strings only as a terrific Romantic piece. The finale, based on a Russian

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