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DISTRICT AUDITIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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**National Semifinals**

Sunday, May 9, 2021

**Grand Finals Concert**

Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Semifinals and Grand Finals are currently scheduled to take place at the Met. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and will make alternate arrangements in compliance with any and all necessary safety and health regulations in place during the spring of 2021.

For up to date auditions results, alumni news, and other general information, follow @MONCAuditions on Facebook and Instagram.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL AUDITIONS**

The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions program cultivates young opera singers and assists in the development of their careers. The Auditions are held annually in 39 districts and 12 regions of the United States, Canada, and Mexico—all administered by dedicated National Council members and volunteers. Winners of the region auditions advance to compete in the national semifinals. National finalists are then selected and compete in the Grand Finals Concert. During the 2020–21 season, the auditions are being held virtually via livestream. Singers compete for prize money and receive feedback from judges at all levels of the competition.

Many of the world’s greatest singers, among them Lawrence Brownlee, Anthony Roth Costanzo, Renée Fleming, Lisette Oropesa, Eric Owens, and Frederica von Stade, have won the Auditions. More than 100 former auditioners appear on the Met roster each season.

The National Council is grateful to its donors for prizes at the national level and to the Tobin Endowment for the Mrs. Edgar Tobin Award, given to each first-place region winner.

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Education Fund grants are available to contestants of the National Council Auditions who reach the semifinal round or further and demonstrate improved skills in a follow-up audition; each eligible contestant may be granted a total of up to \$5,000 upon multiple hearings within three years from when the contestant competed in the National Council Semifinals.

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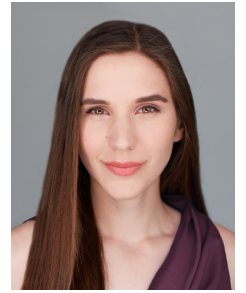
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Jake Surzyn



Tianchi Zhang

**REPERTOIRE | NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

**JACOB SCHARFMAN, BARITONE, 29****BOSTON, MA**

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|                               |                    |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Hai già vinta la causa        | LE NOZZE DI FIGARO | Mozart     |
| Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen | ARIADNE AUF NAXOS  | R. Strauss |
| Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen      | DIE TOTE STADT     | Korngold   |
| Batter my heart               | DOCTOR ATOMIC      | Adams      |

**MICHAELA LARSEN, SOPRANO, 22****GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

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|                        |                     |         |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Je veux vivre          | ROMÉO ET JULIETTE   | Gounod  |
| Quando m'en vo         | LA BOHÈME           | Puccini |
| Deh, se piacer mi vuoi | LA CLEMENZA DI TITO | Mozart  |
| My darling Jim         | GLORY DENIED        | Cipullo |

**WILLIAM JOHNSON, TENOR, 22****LAKE FOREST, IL**

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|                                 |                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Se all'impero, amici Dei        | LA CLEMENZA DI TITO             | Mozart    |
| Di pescatore ignobile           | LUCREZIA BORGIA                 | Donizetti |
| Dal labbro il canto             | FALSTAFF                        | Verdi     |
| Horch, die Lerche singt im Hain | DIE LUSTIGEN WIEBER VON WINDSOR | Nicolai   |

**LOGAN DELL'ACQUA, BARITONE, 24****TRAVERSE CITY, MI**

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|                            |                |          |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| A quoi bon l'économie      | MANON          | Massenet |
| Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen   | DIE TOTE STADT | Korngold |
| A dream wasted             | HIGHWAY ONE    | Still    |
| Rivolgete a lui lo sguardo | COSÌ FAN TUTTE | Mozart   |

**RACHEL PURVIS, SOPRANO, 24****INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

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|                  |                    |         |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Song to the moon | RUSALKA            | Dvořák  |
| Senza mamma      | SUOR ANGELICA      | Puccini |
| Dove sono        | LE NOZZE DI FIGARO | Mozart  |
| Embroidery Aria  | PETER GRIMES       | Britten |

**AARON CROUCH, TENOR, 22****BOWIE, ID**

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|                          |                      |             |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Dopo notte               | ARIODANTE            | Handel      |
| Del più sublime soglio   | LA CLEMENZA DI TITO  | Mozart      |
| Kuda, kuda               | EUGENE ONEGIN        | Tchaikovsky |
| Tarquinius does not wait | THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA | Britten     |

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**BEN REISINGER, BARITONE, 25****ROCHESTER, NY**

|                              |                         |         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Per me giunto                | DON CARLO               | Verdi   |
| Avant de quitter ces lieux   | FAUST                   | Gounod  |
| Largo al factotum            | IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA | Rossini |
| Oh vin, dissipe la tristesse | HAMLET                  | Thomas  |

**ADANYA DUNN, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 30****TORONTO, ON**

|                                    |                   |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Ces lettres                        | WERTHER           | Massenet    |
| Wie du warst! Wie du bist!         | DER ROSENKAVALIER | R. Strauss  |
| I bought this suitcase in New York | FLIGHT            | Dove        |
| Ah, Tanya, Tanya                   | EUGENE ONEGIN     | Tchaikovsky |

**SHANNON CROWLEY, SOPRANO, 20****VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

|                           |                      |           |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Tornami a vagheggiar      | ALCINA               | Handel    |
| Il faut partir            | LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT | Donizetti |
| The trees on the mountain | SUSANNAH             | Floyd     |
| Fair Robin I love         | TARTUFFE             | Mechem    |

**THOMAS CILLUFFO, TENOR, 28****TRAVERSE CITY, MI**

|                         |                      |           |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Ah! mes amis            | LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT | Donizetti |
| A word for this old man | THE GRAPES OF WRATH  | Gordon    |
| Fuor del mar            | IDOMENEO             | Mozart    |
| Magische Töne           | DIE KÖNIGIN VON SABA | Goldmark  |

**TIANCHI ZHANG, TENOR, 27****SUZHOU, JIANGSU, CHINA**

|                                   |                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Di rigori armato il seno          | DER ROSENKAVALIER | R. Strauss |
| Salut! demeure chaste et pure     | FAUST             | Gounod     |
| A te, o cara                      | I PURITANI        | Bellini    |
| Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön | DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE   | Mozart     |

**MELISSA JOSEPH, SOPRANO, 28****ATLANTA, GA**

|                          |                |             |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| I am Moses the liberator | HARRIET TUBMAN | Okoye       |
| Depuis le jour           | LOUISE         | Charpentier |
| Signore, ascolta         | TURANDOT       | Puccini     |
| Non mi dir               | DON GIOVANNI   | Mozart      |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Se all'impero, amici Dei  | LA CLEMENZA DI TITO   | Mozart |
| Ah, lève-toi, soleil!     | ROMÉO ET JULIETTE     | Gounod |
| Ah, la paterna mano       | MACBETH               | Verdi  |
| Dein ist mein ganzes Herz | DAS LAND DES LÄCHELNS | Lehár  |

**PAUL GROSVENOR, BARITONE, 29****BROOKLYN, NY**

|                              |                    |        |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| È sogno? O realtà?           | FALSTAFF           | Verdi  |
| O du, mein holder Abendstern | TANNHÄUSER         | Wagner |
| Se vuol ballare              | LE NOZZE DI FIGARO | Mozart |
| Lost in the stars            | LOST IN THE STARS  | Weill  |

**KARLI FORTE, SOPRANO, 21****ANGOLA, IN**

|                                    |                               |            |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Les oiseaux dans la charmille      | LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN         | Offenbach  |
| O quante volte                     | I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI      | Bellini    |
| Presentation of the rose           | DER ROSENKAVELIER             | R. Strauss |
| Durch Zärtlichkeit und Schmeicheln | DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL | Mozart     |

**JAKE SURZYN, BARITONE, 26****GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI**

|                        |                   |             |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Decidi il mio destin   | PAGLIACCI         | Leoncavallo |
| Ah! per sempre         | I PURITANI        | Bellini     |
| Every other week       | THE LITTLE PRINCE | Portman     |
| Dans ce lieu solitaire | LE COMTE ORY      | Rossini     |

**SYMONE HARCUM, SOPRANO, 30****BALTIMORE, MD**

|                            |                |             |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Ritorna vincitor           | AIDA           | Verdi       |
| My man's gone now          | PORGY AND BESS | Gershwin    |
| Depuis le jour             | LOUISE         | Charpentier |
| Ch'il bel sogno di Doretta | LA RONDINE     | Puccini     |

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