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DISTRICT AUDITIONS

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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

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.

To learn more about donating to the National Council Auditions or the Education Fund, please visit metopera.org/MONCSupport.

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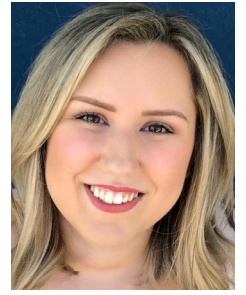
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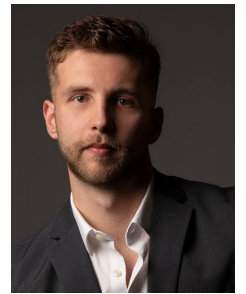
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Madeline Ehlinger



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Evan Hammond



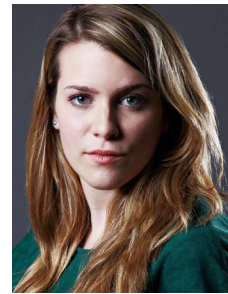
Gina Hanzlik



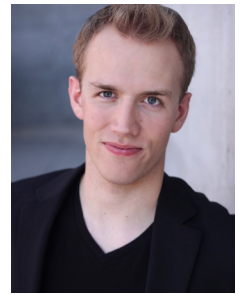
Makila Kirchner



Maxwell Levy



Helaine Liebman



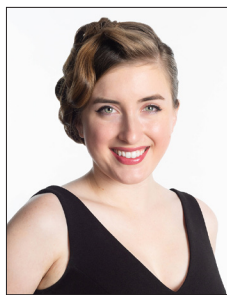
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Ian Rucker



Sarah Saturnino



Laura Schachner



Luke Selker



Alannah Spencer

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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

AVERY BOETTCHER, SOPRANO, 28		APPLETON, WI
Stridono lassù	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Crudele?...Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Ach! ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

MAKILA KIRCHNER, SOPRANO, 24		GRAND HAVEN, MI
È strano...Ah forse lui...Sempre libera	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi
Crudele?...Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Temerari, sortite...Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart

MAXWELL LEVY, TENOR, 24		PLEASANTVILLE, NY
Kuda, kuda vi udalilis	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Questa o quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Pourquoi me réveiller	WERTHER	Massenet

IAN RUCKER, BARITONE, 23		OSHKOSH, WI
Mab, la reine des mensonges	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
I'll be there	GRAPES OF WRATH	Gordon
Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Papageno's suicide	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

SARAH SATURNINO, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27		GRASS VALLEY, CA
Se Romeo t'uccise un figlio	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Weiche Wotan	DAS RHEINGOLD	Wagner
Furibondo spira il vento	PARTENOPE	Handel
Acerba voluttà	ADRIANA LECOUVREUR	Cilea

LUKE SELKER, TENOR, 29		APPLETON, WI
Donna non vidi mai	MANON LESCAUT	Puccini
Addio, fiorito asil	MADAMA BUTTERFLY	Puccini
Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Oh, I feel cold inside	OF MICE AND MEN	Floyd

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MARIA NICOLE DE CONZO, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 26 **ORADELL, NJ**

O ma lyre immortelle	SAPHO	Gounod
Voi che sapete	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove
You shiver	JFK	Little

RON DUKES, BASS, 26 **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

Il lacerato spirito	SIMON BOCCANEGRA	Verdi
In diesen heil'gen Hallen	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
La calunnia	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
I dream a world	TROUBLE ISLAND	Still

KARL BUTTERMANN, BARITONE, 26 **SAINT PAUL, MN**

Tutto è deserto...Il balen	IL TROVATORE	Verdi
Ha! welch ein Augenblick!	FIDELIO	Beethoven
Votre toast	CARMEN	Bizet
I burn! I freeze!	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky

JAMES HENRY BENSON, TENOR, 23 **MARINETTE, WI**

Ah! mes amis	LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT	Donizetti
Languir per una bella	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Dal labbro il canto	FALSTAFF	Verdi
Lonely house	STREET SCENE	Weill

MADELINE EHLINGER, SOPRANO, 24 **SPRING GREEN, WI**

Temerari, sortite...Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Ain't it a pretty night	SUSANNAH	Floyd
The Jewel Song	FAUST	Gounod
Quando m'en vo	LA BOHÈME	Puccini

BRAD BICKHARDT, TENOR, 24 **COLUMBIA, NJ**

Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
De' miei bollenti spiriti	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Fra poco a me ricovero	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti

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WESLEY FRYE, TENOR, 26

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Questa o' quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Kuda, kuda vi udalilis	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
New York lights	A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE	Bolcom
Vainement, ma bien aimée	LE ROI D'YS	Lalo

EVAN HAMMOND, BASS, 26

LEXINGTON, AL

Tower Scene	PELLÉAS ET MÉLISANDE	Debussy
Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
She called him Curt	THREE DECEMBERS	Heggie
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	Strauss

GINA HANZLIK, SOPRANO, 29

STILLWATER, MN

Robert, toi que j'aime	ROBERT LE DIABLE	Meyerbeer
O beau pays	LES HUGUENOTS	Meyerbeer
Ach ich liebte	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart
Spargi d'amaro pianto	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti

DAVID NELSON, BARITONE, 25

WOODBURY, MN

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	Strauss
J'ai perdu ta photo	SILENT NIGHT	Puts
Look! Through the port comes the moonshine astray!	BILLY BUDD	Britten

HELAINÉ LIEBMAN, SOPRANO, 28

HIGHLAND PARK, IL

Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Take me back	OUR TOWN	Rorem
Temerari, sortite...Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod

LAURA SCHACHNER, SOPRANO, 26

MILWAUKEE, WI

Tornami a vagheggiar	ALCINA	Handel
Deh vieni, non tardar	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Steal me, sweet thief	THE OLD MAID AND THE THIEF	Menotti
O wär ich schon mit dir vereint	FIDELIO	Beethoven

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VERONA, WI

After you hear me out	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo
Temerari, sortite...Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Eucl Lüften, die mein Klagen	LOHENGRIN	Wagner
Uzh polnoch blizitsya	THE QUEEN OF SPADES	Tchaikovsky

TAYLOR-ALEXIS DUPONT, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 30

ORLANDO, FL

Se Romeo t'uccise un figlio	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Noble seigneurs, salut!	LES HUGUENOTS	Meyerbeer
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	Strauss
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart

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