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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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Naomi Brigell



Francesca Federico



Jade Ferrell



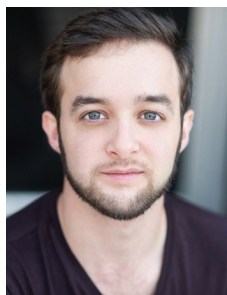
Miya Higashiyama



Penelope Kendros



Jangho Lee



Luke Lemmeier



Morgan
Mastrangelo



Nina Mutalifu



Karin Osbeck



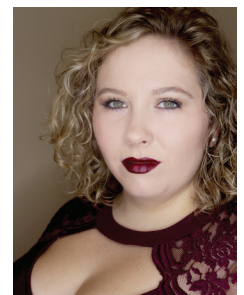
Jacqueline
Piccolino



Shannon Richards



Emily Richter



Kelsey Sandefur



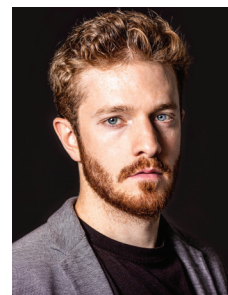
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Seefeldt



Loucine Brigitte
Topouzian



Kevin Wheatle



Ryan Wolfe

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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

PENELOPE KENDROS, SOPRANO, 27

FAIRFIELD, IA

Die wiener Herrn	ARABELLA	R. Strauss
O luce di quest'anima	LINDA DI CHAMOUNIX	Donizetti
Willow, where we met together	THE BALLAD OF BABY DOE	Moore
Chanson du rossignol	LE ROSSIGNOL	Stravinsky

RYAN WOLFE, BARITONE, 24

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Our very own home	FELLOW TRAVELERS	Spears
Comme une pâle fleur	HAMLET	Thomas

LUKE LEMMEIER, COUNTERTENOR, 25

CLEVELAND, OH

Dawn, still darkness	FLIGHT	Dove
Stille amare, già vi sento	TOLOMEO	Handel
Coll'ardor del tuo bel core	AGRIPPINA	Handel
Di tanti palpiti	TANCREDI	Rossini

MORGAN MASTRANGELO, TENOR, 22

RIDGEWOOD, NJ

Sì, ritrovarla io giuro	LA CENERENTOLA	Rossini
Ah! mes amis	LA FILLE DU REGIMENT	Donizetti
Ach, so fromm	MARTHA	Flotow
Dread the fruits of Christian folly	THEODORA	Handel

EMILY RICHTER, SOPRANO, 23

ARLINGTON, VA

Embroidery in childhood	PETER GRIMES	Britten
Mi tradi quell'alma ingrata	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
I worry, that's all	FELLOW TRAVELERS	Spears

KARIN OSBECK, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Vois sous l'archet frémissant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach
Addio, Roma	L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA	Monteverdi

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JADE FERRELL, SOPRANO, 23**CLEVELAND, OH**

Saper vorreste	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Deh vieni, non tardar	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Padre, germani, addio!	IDOMENEO	Mozart

SARAH BISSONNETTE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**MONTRÉAL, QC, CANADA**

Smanie implacabili	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Faites lui mes aveux	FAUST	Gounod
Nobles seigneurs, salut!	LES HUGUENOTS	Meyerbeer

FRANCESCA FEDERICO, SOPRANO, 28**MONTCLAIR, NJ**

Je suis encore tout étourdie	MANON	Massenet
Tu del mio Carlo...Carlo vive	I MASNADIERI	Verdi
Padre, germani, addio!	IDOMENEO	Mozart
I can smell the sea air	A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE	Previn

CHRISTOPHER SEEFELDT, BASS-BARITONE, 28**INDANAPOLIS, IN**

Madamina! Il catalogo è questo	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Vous qui faites l'endormie	FAUST	Gounod
Our very own home	FELLOW TRAVELERS	Spears
O du, mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner

NAOMI BRIGELL, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**BELMONT, MA**

Deh per questo istante solo	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove
Oh! la pitoyable aventure	L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE	Ravel
Ah, Tanya, Tanya	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky

LOUCINE TOPOUZIAN, SOPRANO, 23**WILMETTE, IL**

Je suis encore tout étourdie	MANON	Massenet
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo

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JANGHO LEE, TENOR, 28

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Ah! lève-toi, soleil!	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Un'aura amorosa	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

SHANNON RICHARDS, SOPRANO, 23

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Joy beyond measure, Mother	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo
Bester Jüngling	DER SCHAUSPIELDIREKTOR	Mozart

MIYA HIGASHIYAMA, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 25

SEATTLE, WA

Am I in your light?	DOCTOR ATOMIC	Adams
Crude furie	SERSE	Handel
Cruda sorte	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Va! laisse couler mes larmes	WERTHER	Massenet

KELSEY SANDEFUR, SOPRANO, 25

HANOVER PARK, IL

Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Ain't it a pretty night	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Klänge der Heimat	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss
Il est doux, il est bon	HÉRODIADE	Massenet

KEVIN WHEATLE, BARITONE, 24

SUNRISE, FL

Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
Mein sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
O vin, dissipe la tristesse	HAMLET	Thomas

NINA MUTALIFU, SOPRANO, 29

URUMQI, CHINA

Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Ah! je ris	FAUST	Gounod

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JACQUELINE PICCOLINO, SOPRANO, 30

PALATINE, IL

Ó marno to je	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Love me big	MCTEAGUE	Bolcom
Morrai sì, l'empia tua testa	RODELINDA	Handel
Sì, mi chiamano Mimì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini

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