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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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Donghyuk Chung



William Desbiens



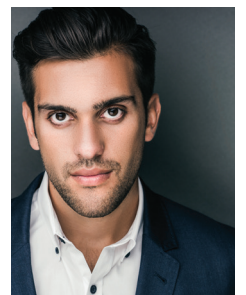
Jake Goz



Hao Jiang



Chuanyuan Liu



Nicholas Martorano



Brenton Mattox



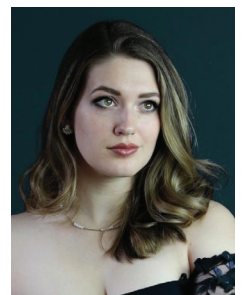
Kara Mulder



Shereen Pimentel



Amanda Sheriff



Emily Sierra



Stephen Walley



Cherisse Williams



Mer Wohlgemuth



Julia Wolcott

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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

DONGHYUK CHUNG, TENOR, 30

SUWON, SOUTH KOREA

Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Dein ist mein ganzes Herz	DAS LAND DES LÄCHELNS	Lehár
Un'aura amorosa	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky

GEORGIA BELMONT, SOPRANO, 22

NEW YORK, NY

Presentation of the rose	DER ROSENKAVELIER	R. Strauss
Prendi, per me sei libero	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti
Arrière! Je réchauffe les bons	L'ENFANT ET LES SORTILÈGES	Ravel
Be kind and courteous	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten

NICHOLAS MARTORANO, BARITONE, 29

MORRIS, IL

Or vi dirò	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
O vin, dissipe la tristesse	HAMLET	Thomas
E fra quest'ansie	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss

SHEREEN PIMENTEL, SOPRANO, 22

TEANECK, NJ

Sul fil d'un soffio etesio	FALSTAFF	Verdi
Presentation of the rose	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
I can smell the sea air	A STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE	Previn
Eccomi in lieta vesta...Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini

JAKE GOZ, TENOR, 24

EAST NORTHPORT, NY

Ah! mes amis	LA FILLE DU REGIMENT	Donizetti
Last night	FELLOW TRAVELERS	Spears
Un'aura amorosa	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

KARA MULDER, SOPRANO, 27

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Glück das mir verblieb	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
Tacea la notte placida	IL TROVATORE	Verdi
Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák

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WILLIAM DESBIENS, BARITONE, 23**QUEBEC CITY, QC**

Mab, la reine des mensonges	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

IAN MATTHEW CASTRO, TENOR, 25**CLIFTON, NJ**

Che gelida manina	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Questa o quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

AMANDA SHERIFF, SOPRANO, 26**HOUSTON, TX**

Qui la voce...Vien, diletto	I PURITANI	Bellini
I never dreamed	MAYO	Cipullo
Du gai soleil	WERTHER	Massenet
Da tempeste	GIULIO CESARE	Handel

JULIA WOLCOTT, SOPRANO, 29**STATE COLLEGE, PA**

Einsam in trüben Tagen	LOHENGRIN	Wagner
D'Oreste, d'Ajace	IDOMENEO	Mozart
Pace, pace mio Dio!	LA FORZA DEL DESTINO	Verdi
Maryanne	EMMELINE	Picker

AARON CAFARO, TENOR, 26**OLD BRIDGE, NJ**

Questa o quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
M'appari, tutt'amor	MARTHA	Flotow
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti
Dein ist mein ganzes Herz	DAS LAND DES LÄCHELNS	Lehár

CHUANYUAN LIU, COUNTERTENOR, 23**CHANGCHUN, CHINA**

Dawn, still darkness	FLIGHT	Dove
Vivi, tiranno	RODELINDA	Handel
Welcome, wanderer...I know a bank	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten
Me voici dans son boudoir	MIGNON	Thomas

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MER WOHLGEMUTH, SOPRANO, 25**WINTER HAVEN, FL**

Furie terribili	RINALDO	Handel
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Adieu, notre petite table	MANON	Massenet
Take me back	OUR TOWN	Roem

BRENTON MATTOX, BASS, 29**JASPER, TX**

Il lacerato spirito	SIMON BOCCANEGRA	Verdi
O Isis und Osiris	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Thousands of miles	LOST IN THE STARS	Weill
O tu, Palermo	I VESPRI SCICILIANI	Verdi

STEPHEN WALLEY, BARITONE, 24**GLADSTONE, NJ**

Deh vieni alla finestra	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Per me giunto	DON CARLO	Verdi
Votre toast	CARMEN	Bizet

ALEC CARLSON, TENOR, 29**RED OAK, IA**

Questa o quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Ah! fuyez, douce image	MANON	Massenet
Torna ai felici dì	LE VILLI	Puccini
Vidino divná, přesladká	RUSALKA	Dvořák

EMILY SIERRA, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 22**CHICAGO, IL**

Deh, per questo istante solo	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Allez, laissez-moi seul	CENDRILLON	Massenet
When I am laid in earth	DIDO AND AENEAS	Purcell

CHERISSE WILLIAMS, SOPRANO, 29**BROOKLYN, NY**

Padre, germani, addio	IDOMENEO	Mozart
Il faut partir	LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT	Donizetti
Ah! donate il caro sposo	IL SIGNOR BRUSCHINO	Rossini
Joy beyond measure, Mother	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo

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HAO JIANG, TENOR, 27

BEIJING, CHINA

De' miei bollenti spiriti	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi
Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Addio, fiorito asil	MADAMA BUTTERFLY	Puccini
La donna è mobile	RIGOLETTO	Verdi

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