

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2020-21 SEASON

# NORTH CAROLINA

DISTRICT AUDITIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

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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](http://metopera.org/MONCSupport).

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Sydney Baedke



Zachary Bryant



Megan Callahan



Victoria A. Davis



Noragh Devlin



Katherine Eckard



Julia Swan Laird



Greer Lyle



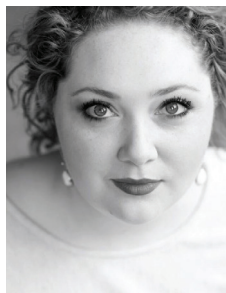
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Murrella Parton



Jarrett Porter



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Emily Siar



Perry Sook



Logan Tanner



Kyle White



Jemeesa Yarborough



Margaret Ann Zentner

**REPERTOIRE | JANUARY 23, 2021**

IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

**PERRY SOOK, BARITONE, 29****SOUTHLAKE, TX**

O Carlo, ascolta...lo morirò	DON CARLO	Verdi
Look! Through the port	BILLY BUDD	Britten
I dela nyet do moego suschestvovania!	WAR AND PEACE	Prokofiev
Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

**MICAELA ALDRIDGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 26****MONTCLAIR, NJ**

Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Non più mesta	LA CENERENTOLA	Rossini
Sgombra è la sacra selva...Deh! proteggimi	NORMA	Bellini

**ZACHARY BRYANT, BARITONE, 30****HOUSTON, TX**

Questo amor, vergogna mia	EDGAR	Puccini
Rivolgete a lui lo sguardo	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Captain Ahab? I must speak with you	MOBY-DICK	Heggie
Da geh' ich zu Maxim	DIE LUSTIGE WITWE	Lehár

**MEGAN CALLAHAN, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27****SEATTLE, WA**

Que fais-tu, blanche tourterelle?	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Smanie implacabili	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Deh, per questo istante solo	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Dear God, look into my heart	ELMER GANTRY	Aldridge

**BRYCE MCCLENDON, COUNTERTENOR, 27****GREENVILLE, SC**

Dawn, still darkness	FLIGHT	Dove
Stille amare	TOLOMEO	Handel
Vivi, tiranno	RODELINDA	Handel
Welcome, wanderer...I know a bank	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten

**EVAN JULIUS NELSON, BARITONE, 28****ALBANY, GA**

Pastor, friends	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo
Ah! per sempre	I PURITANI	Bellini
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Donne mie la fate a tanti	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart

**REPERTOIRE (CONT'D) | JANUARY 23, 2021**

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**MURRELLA PARTON, SOPRANO, 29****SEYMOUR, TN**

Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
I want magic!	A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE	Previn
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Robert, toi que j'aime	ROBERT LE DIABLE	Meyerbeer

**OLIVIA ROMINIYI, SOPRANO, 26****VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

Divinités du Styx	ALCESTE	Gluck
Morrò, ma prima in grazia	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Vissi d'arte	TOSCA	Puccini
Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner

**JEMEESA YARBOROUGH, SOPRANO, 30****WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
Ernani, Ernani involami	ERNANI	Verdi
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Klänge der Heimat	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss

**KYLE WHITE, BARITONE, 26****BERKLEY, MI**

Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
News!	NIXON IN CHINA	Adams
Kto mozhet sravnit'sia s Matil'doi moei	IOLANTA	Tchaikovsky

**KATHERINE ECKARD, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27****WAKE FOREST, NC**

I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
O mio Fernando	LA FAVORITA	Donizetti
En vain pour éviter	CARMEN	Bizet

**GREER LYLE, SOPRANO, 25****CARROLLTON, GA**

Dove sono	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
¿Dónde estás Cristóbal?	FLORENCIA EN EL AMAZONAS	Catán
Gde zhe ty, moy zhelanniy?	THE ENCHANTRESS	Tchaikovsky

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**JULIA SWAN LAIRD, SOPRANO, 26****RALEIGH, NC**

Je marche...Obéissons quand leur voix appelle	MANON	Massenet
Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Take me back	OUR TOWN	Roem
Da tempeste	GIULIO CESARE	Handel

**DORIAN MCCALL, BARITONE, 29****HOUSTON, TX**

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Bella siccome un angelo	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold

**SYDNEY BAEDKE, SOPRANO, 26****MEDICINE HAT, AB**

Piangete voi...Al dolce guidami	ANNA BOLENA	Donizetti
Porgi, amor	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Embroidery in childhood	PETER GRIMES	Britten
Otchego eto prezhde ne znala	IOLANTA	Tchaikovsky

**NORAGH DEVLIN, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 29****CARLISLE, MA**

Da, chas nastal	THE MAID OF ORLEANS	Tchaikovsky
Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix	SAMSON ET DALILA	Saint-Saëns
Hurr, hopp, hopp, hopp	HÄNSEL UND GRETEL	Humperdinck
Hence, hence, Iris, hence away!	SEMELE	Handel

**MARGARET ANN ZENTNER, SOPRANO, 24****MONROE, LA**

Di tante sue procelle	IL RE PASTORE	Mozart
Adieu, notre petite table	MANON	Massenet
Il primo ardor	ARIODANTE	Handel
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo

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Stille amare	TOLOMEO	Handel
Welcome, wanderer...I know a bank	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten
Fammi combattere	ORLANDO	Handel
Dove sei, amato bene?	RODELINDA	Handel

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**VICTORIA A. DAVIS, SOPRANO, 27****WASHINGTON, DC**

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Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
Do not utter a word	VANESSA	Barber
Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner

**JARRETT PORTER, BARITONE, 27****DENNISVILLE, NJ**

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Kogda bi zhizn domashnim krugom	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Look! Through the port	BILLY BUDD	Britten
Se vuol ballare	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

**EMILY SIAR, SOPRANO, 29****GREENSBORO, NC**

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No word from Tom	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky
Non, Monsieur, mon mari	LES MAMELLES DE TIRÉSIAS	Poulenc
Einst träumte meiner sel'gen Base	DER FREISCHÜTZ	Weber
Deh vieni, non tardar	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

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