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DISTRICT AUDITIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 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.

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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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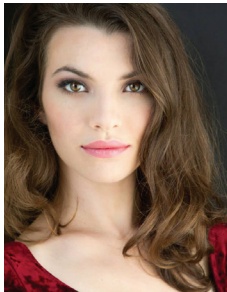
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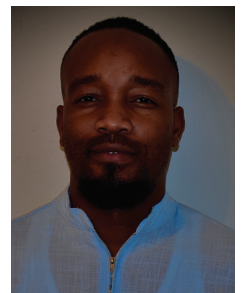
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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

KARIS TUCKER, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA**

Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Lorsqu'on a plus de vingt quartiers	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss

PADEN BELL, SOPRANO, 24**FULTON, MS**

Porgi, amor	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Signore, ascolta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Elle a fui, la tourterelle	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach

RUBY DIBBLE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 25**KANSAS CITY, MO**

Se Romeo t'uccise un figlio	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Va! laisse couler mes larmes	WERTHER	Massenet
Que fais-tu, blanche tourterelle?	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod

AARON EAVES, BARITONE, 27**GREENVILLE, KY**

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
E fra quest'ansie	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Bella siccome un angelo	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti

JESSICA CROWELL, SOPRANO, 30**HANOVERTON, OH**

Stridono lassù	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Pleurez mes yeux	LE CID	Massenet
Ain't it a pretty night	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Tutte nel cor	IDOMENEO	Mozart

YOSEPH PARK, BASS-BARITONE, 28**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

Aprite un po' quegli occhi	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Deh vieni alla finestra	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Épouse quelque brave fille	MANON	Massenet

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MELISSA KRUEGER, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**HOUSTON, TX**

Enfin, je suis ici	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Una voce poco fa	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Voi che sapete	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

JOY ELISE, SOPRANO, 24**ATLANTA, GA**

Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Una voce poco fa	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini

ZANE RANSOM HILL, BARITONE, 27**HOUSTON, TX**

Look! Through the port	BILLY BUDD	Britten
J'ai perdu ta photo	SILENT NIGHT	Puts
Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
E fra quest'ansie	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo

MORGAN MIDDLETON, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**SPRINGFIELD, VA**

Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix	SAMSON ET DALILA	Saint-Saëns
Podrugy milyye	THE QUEEN OF SPADES	Tchaikovsky
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Margaret's Lullaby	MARGARET GARNER	Danielpour

MIKAYLA SAGER, SOPRANO, 29**VANCOUVER, BC**

Tacea la notte placida	IL TROVATORE	Verdi
I want magic!	A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE	Previn
Pleurez mes yeux	LE CID	Massenet
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

ERIN ALFORD, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**LONG BEACH, CA**

Tu sola...deh! tu bell'anima	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Enfin, je suis ici	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Things change, Jo	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo
Nobles seigneurs, salut!	LES HUGUENOTS	Meyerbeer

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PROSPER MAKHANYA, BASS-BARITONE, 30**JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

Aprite un po' quegli occhi	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Eri tu che macchiavi	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Votre toast	CARMEN	Bizet
Cortigiani, vil razza dannata	RIGOLETTO	Verdi

KAARIN CECILIA PHELPS, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**ASHBURNHAM, MA**

Svegliatevi nel core	GIULIO CESARE	Handel
This journey	DEAD MAN WALKING	Heggie
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Va! laisse couler mes larmes	WERTHER	Massenet

ARIEL DOWNS, SOPRANO, 30**THOUSAND OAKS, CA**

Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo
Qui la voce...Vien, diletto	I PURITANI	Bellini
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

JEREMIAH SANDERS, BARITONE, 29**MARION, IN**

A dream wasted	HIGHWAY ONE	Still
Cortigiani, vil razza dannata	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Scintille, diamant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach
Ach, wir armen Leute!	HÄNSEL UND GRETEL	Humperdinck

GABRIELLA SAM, SOPRANO, 29**VALLEY STREAM, NY**

Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Ah! fuggi il traditor!	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Signore, ascolta	TURANDOT	Puccini

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Ah! lève-toi, soleil!	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Firenze è come un albero fiorito	GIANNI SCHICCHI	Puccini
Che gelida manina	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Open Thou my lips, O Lord	THE CRUCIBLE	Ward

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GWENNA FAIRCHILD-TAYLOR, SOPRANO, 29

TORONTO, ON

Es gibt ein Reich	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Einsam in trüben Tagen	LOHENGRIN	Wagner
Oh ma chère compagne	DON CARLOS	Verdi
Embroidery in childhood	PETER GRIMES	Britten

SOLÈNE LE VAN, SOPRANO, 23

COLMAR, FRANCE

En proie à la tristesse	LE COMTE ORY	Rossini
Down you go	FLIGHT	Dove
Klänge der Heimat	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss
Quel guardo il cavaliere...So anch'io la virtù magica	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti

IREM INCE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Amour! viens aider ma faiblesse	SAMSON ET DALILA	Saint-Saëns
Près des remparts de Séville	CARMEN	Bizet
Cruda sorte	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Give him this orchid	THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA	Britten

ALEJANDRO DEL ANGEL, TENOR, 29

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Ah, la paterna mano	MACBETH	Verdi
O paradis	L'AFRICAINNE	Meyerbeer
Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Quando le sere al placido	LUISA MILLER	Verdi

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