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IOWA

DISTRICT AUDITIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 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**

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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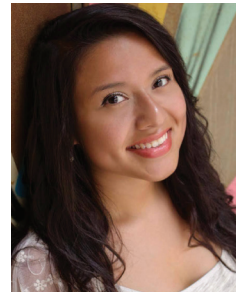
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Gabriel Walker



Johanna Will



Xiaoge Zhang



**REPERTOIRE | JANUARY 28, 2021**

IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

**CAITLIN ALOIA, SOPRANO, 23****DOYLESTOWN, PA**

Adieu, notre petite table	MANON	Massenet
Deh vieni, non tardar	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Presentation of the rose	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

**ANDREA PINDER, SOPRANO, 28****MILWAUKEE, WI**

Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Il est doux, il est bon	HÉRODIADE	Massenet
Porgi, amor	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

**WAYD ODLE, TENOR, 29****NORTH PLATTE, NE**

Tarquinius does not wait	THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA	Britten
La fleur que tu m'avais jetée	CARMEN	Bizet
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Addio, fiorito asil	MADAMA BUTTERFLY	Puccini

**GABRIEL WALKER, BARITONE, 27****HOUSTON, TX**

Aprite un po' quegli occhi	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Come, master	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky
Kogda bi zhizn domashnim krugom	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Nel mondo e nell'abisso	TAMERLANO	Handel

**JOHANNA WILL, SOPRANO, 29****DRESDEN, GERMANY**

Pace, pace mio Dio	LA FORZA DEL DESTINO	Verdi
Glück, das mir verblieb	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
Leise, leise	DER FREISCHÜTZ	Weber
Come scoglio	COSI FAN TUTTE	Mozart

**VIRGINIA SHEFFIELD, SOPRANO, 26****PITTSBURGH, PA**

Il est doux, il est bon	HÉRODIADE	Massenet
Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Somehow I never could believe	STREET SCENE	Weill
Tutte nel cor vi sento	IDOMENEO	Mozart

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**KATERINA MIDDELDORP, SOPRANO, 27****NORTHFIELD, MN**

Somehow I never could believe	STREET SCENE	Weill
Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Nun eilt herbei	DIE LUSTIGEN WEIBER VON WINDSOR	Nicolai

**JIMIN PARK, BARITONE, 28****SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
Do you know the land?	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo

**CYNTHIA LÓPEZ PÉREZ, SOPRANO, 27****NEWARK, OH**

De mi amor	KEOFAR	Villanueva
Chi il bel sogno di Doretta	LA RONDINE	Puccini
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Furie terribili	RINALDO	Handel

**AARON JACOB KEENEY, BARITONE, 29****PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Uzhel ta samaya Tatiana	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
L'orage s'est calmé	LES PÊCHEURS DE PERLES	Bizet
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Deh vieni alla finestra	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

**MAKAYLA M. MCDONALD, SOPRANO, 27****WATERLOO, IA**

Ave Maria	OTELLO	Verdi
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
To this we've come...Papers, papers!	THE CONSUL	Menotti
Porgi, amor	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

**MATTHEW HRDLICKA, BARITONE, 22****WEST DES MOINES, IA**

Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
Bella siccome un angelo	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Papagena! Papagena! Papagena!	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

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**EMMA DICKINSON, SOPRANO, 25****URBANDALE, IA**

Do not utter a word	VANESSA	Barber
Uzh polnoch blizitsya	THE QUEEN OF SPADES	Tchaikovsky
Il est doux, il est bon	HÉRODIADE	Massenet
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

**SENHICA KLEE, TENOR, 30****KÜSEL, GERMANY**

Here I stand	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky
Tu vivi, e punito	ARIODANTE	Handel
Outside this house	VANESSA	Barber
Dalla sua pace	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

**LEAH BRZYSKI, SOPRANO, 27****ROCHESTER HILLS, MI**

Ah! douce enfant	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Presentation of the rose	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Care compagne	LA SONNAMBULA	Bellini
Down you go	FLIGHT	Dove

**SHAINA MARTINEZ, SOPRANO, 27****GERMANTOWN, MD**

Non so le tetre immagini	IL CORSARO	Verdi
Ah! je ris	FAUST	Gounod
The trees on the mountain	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Tanto amore segreto...tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini

**MANLI DENG, SOPRANO, 25****CHONGQING, CHINA**

Pleurez mes yeux	LE CID	Massenet
Ah! je ris	FAUST	Gounod
Signore, ascolta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

**XIAOGE ZHANG, SOPRANO, 21****ZHENGZHOU, CHINA**

Ah, voi condur volete	IL SIGNOR BRUSCHINO	Rossini
Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Ombre légère	DINORAH	Meyerbeer
Ah, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

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Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Ain't it a pretty night	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Klänge der Heimat	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss

**SABINA BALSAMO, SOPRANO, 26**

**JEANNETTE, PA**

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I know nothing	EMMELINE	Picker
Embroidery in childhood	PETER GRIMES	Britten
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini

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