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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

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Lachlan Glen

Adam Nielsen

Tickets to the Grand Finals Concert on Sunday, March 16, 2025, are available at the Met box office, metopera.org, or 212.362.6000.

The announcement of this year's finalists will take place on stage around 4PM today.

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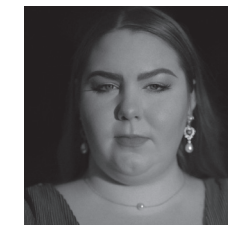
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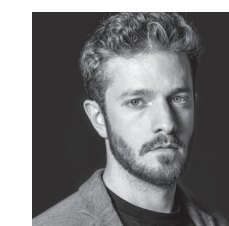
Dominic Salvati
TENOR



Ben Strong
BASS-BARITONE



Luke Sutliff
BARITONE



Ryan Wolfe
BARITONE

MIDORI MARSH, SOPRANO, 29

CLEVELAND, OH

Je suis encor tout étourdie	MANON	Massenet
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Quel guardo il cavaliere...So anch'io la virtù magica	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti
This is what it is to love an artist	EURYDICE	Aucoin

GIORGI GULIASHVILI, TENOR, 29

TBILISI, GEORGIA

Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Ah, la paterna mano	MACBETH	Verdi
De' miei bollenti spiriti	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi
Ô souverain, ô juge, ô père	LE CID	Massenet

SOFIA GOTCH, SOPRANO, 27

OAKLAND, CA

Ah! Douce enfant!	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Come, now a roundel	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten
Gualtier Maldè... Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Tornami a vagheggiar	ALCINA	Handel

LAUREN RANDOLPH, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 24

CHICAGO, IL

Where shall I fly?	HERCULES	Handel
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
O ma lyre immortelle	SAPHO	Gounod
Per questa fiamma indomita	ANNA BOLENA	Donizetti

JONATHAN PATTON, BARITONE, 30

DURANGO, CO

Cruda, funesta smania	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
Carlos, écoute...Ah! Je meurs	DON CARLOS	Verdi
Kto mozhet sravnit'sya s Matil'doy moyey (Robert's Aria)	IOLANTA	Tchaikovsky

ARIANA MAUBACH, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28

TORONTO, CANADA

Cruda sorte!... Già so per pratica	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Près des remparts de Séville	CARMEN	Bizet
Werther! Qui m'aurait dit...Ces lettres!	WERTHER	Massenet
È sgombro il loco...Ah! pareo che per incanto	ANNA BOLENA	Donizetti

BEN STRONG, BASS-BARITONE, 27

INDIANA, PA

Abendlich strahlt der Sonne Auge	DAS RHEINGOLD	Wagner
Hear me, oh Lord	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Se vuol ballare, Signor contino	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Vyes' tabor spit	ALEKO	Rachmaninoff

ABIGAIL RAIFORD, SOPRANO, 30

TULSA, OK

Ah! Où va la jeune indoue	LAKMÉ	Delibes
Gold is a fine thing	THE BALLAD OF BABY DOE	Moore
Großmächtige Prinzessin	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini

JOHN MBURU, BASS, 27

WARWICK, RI

Il lacerato spirito	SIMON BOCCANEGRA	Verdi
La calunnia	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
O Isis und Osiris	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Riez! Allez!	DON QUICHOTTE	Massenet

KRESLEY FIGUEROA, SOPRANO, 28

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Gualtier Maldè... Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Je marche sur les chemins... Obéissons quand leur voix	MANON	Massenet
Piangerò la sorte mia	GIULIO CESARE	Handel
À vos jeux, mes amis...Partagez-vouz mes fleurs!	HAMLET	Thomas

INTERMISSION

(program resumes at 1:30pm)

LAUREN CARROLL, SOPRANO, 26

BETTENDORF, IA

Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Ah! Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Ah! forse è lui... Sempre libera	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi
Ain't it a pretty night?	SUSANNAH	Floyd

SAMUEL KIDD, BARITONE, 29		ANN ARBOR, MI
Hai già vinta la causa!	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Comme une pâle fleur	HAMLET	Thomas
Kogda bi zhizn domashnim krugom	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold
MICHELLE MARIPOSA, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 30		QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES
Ah! quel giorno ognor rammento	SEMIRAMIDE	Rossini
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Give him this orchid	THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA	Britten
Werther! Qui m'aurait dit...Ces lettres!	WERTHER	Massenet
DOMINIC SALVATI, TENOR, 26		EASTVALE, CA
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
La fleur que tu m'avais jetée	CARMEN	Bizet
Avete torto!...Firenze è come un albero fiorito	GIANNI SCHICCHI	Puccini
Che gelida manina	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
ALISSA GORETSKY, SOPRANO, 25		LOS ANGELES, CA
Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Donde lieta usci	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Morrò, ma prima in grazia	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Tatiana's Letter Scene	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
SADIE CHESLAK, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 30		DULUTH, MN
Re dell'abisso, affrettati	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove
Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix	SAMSON ET DALILA	Saint-Saëns
Weiche, Wotan! Weiche!	DAS RHEINGOLD	Wagner
RYAN WOLFE, BARITONE, 28		ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL
Ya vas lyublyu	THE QUEEN OF SPADES	Tchaikovsky
Captain Ahab? I must speak with you	MOBY DICK	Heggie
Hai già vinta la causa!	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold

EMMA MARHEFKA, SOPRANO, 25

ALLENTOWN, PA

Ah! non credea... Ah! non giunge

LA SONNAMBULA

Bellini

Adieu, notre petite table

MANON

Massenet

Deh vieni, non tardar

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

Mozart

Kradla jsem

THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN

Janáček

ANGEL RAII GOMEZ, TENOR, 26

MCALLEN, TX

O muto asil del pianto

GUGLIELMO TELL

Rossini

Ah! mes amis, quel jour de fête!...Pour mon âme

LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT

Donizetti

Ella mi fu rapita... Parmi veder le lagrime...

RIGOLETTO

Verdi

Salut! demeure chaste et pure

FAUST

Gounod

LUKE SUTLIFF, BARITONE, 28

DENVER, CO

C'est mon jour suprême... Carlos, écoute... Ah! Je meurs

DON CARLOS

Verdi

E fra quest'ansie

PAGLIACCI

Leoncavallo

Largo al factotum

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA

Rossini

Mein Sehnen, mein Wähnen

DIE TOTE STADT

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Rachmaninoff ALEKO

Vyes' tabor spit

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Puccini GIANNI SCHICCHI

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Rossini SEMIRAMIDE

Ah! quel giorno ognor rammento

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Dove FLIGHT

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