

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2020-21 SEASON

ARKANSAS

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.

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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.

To learn more about donating to the National Council Auditions or the Education Fund, please visit metopera.org/MONCSupport.

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David Bogaev



Amelia Burshe



Blair Cagney



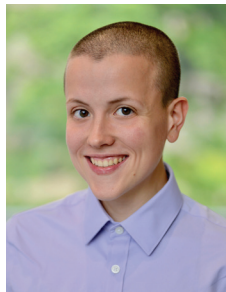
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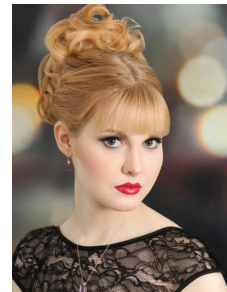
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Anna Louise Martin



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Nowakowski



Amanda O'Toole



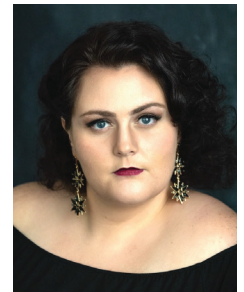
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Isabella
Stollenmaier



Hilary Grace Taylor



Mariah Wilcox



Grace Tozer Wipfli



Yi Yang



Judy Yannini

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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

RENEE MACDONALD, SOPRANO, 29**KALAMAZOO, MI**

Morrò, ma prima in grazia	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Du bist der Lenz	DIE WALKÜRE	Wagner
Mi tradi quell'alma ingrata	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
To this we've come	THE CONSUL	Menotti

DAVID BOGAEV, TENOR, 24**RICHMOND, VA**

Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti
Lonely house	STREET SCENE	Weill
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

MADISON MARIE MCINTOSH, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

Una voce poco fa	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Un'altra volta ancor	PARTENOPE	Handel
Près des remparts de Séville	CARMEN	Bizet
There is a garden	TROUBLE IN TAHITI	Bernstein

ISABELLA STOLLENMAIER, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 26**BOONE, NC**

Chacun à son goût	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss
Il padre adorato	IDOMENEO	Mozart
Am I in your light?	DOCTOR ATOMIC	Adams
Vois sous l'archet frémissant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach

ALEXANDRA NOWAKOWSKI, SOPRANO, 28**CHICAGO, IL**

Les oiseaux dans la charmille	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach
Großmächtige Prinzessin	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Ah! non credea mirarti...Ah! non giunge	LA SONNAMBULA	Bellini
Durch Zärtlichkeit und Schmeicheln	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart

HILARY GRACE TAYLOR, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**DALLAS, TX**

Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Baby Precious? Is it you?	AFTER LIFE	Cipullo
Where shall I fly?	HERCULES	Handel

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ANNA LOUISE MARTIN, SOPRANO, 22**PORTLAND, OR**

Beyond all price	THE SCARLET LETTER	Laitman
Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
Sul fil d'un soffio etesio	FALSTAFF	Verdi
Bester Jüngling	DER SCHAUSPIELDIREKTOR	Mozart

AMELIA BURSHE, SOPRANO, 26**TYLER, TX**

Robert, toi que j'aime	ROBERT LE DIABLE	Meyerbeer
Padre, germani, addio!	IDOMENEO	Mozart
Ain't it a pretty night	SUSANNAH	Floyd
Sì, mi chiamano Mimì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini

ANGEL ROMERO, TENOR, 25**STAFFORD, TX**

Sì, ritrovarla io giuro	LA CENERENTOLA	Rossini
Un'aura amorosa	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Povero Ernesto	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti
Je crois entendre encore	LES PÊCHEURS DE PERLES	Bizet

ESTHER ATKINSON, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 24**ROGERS, AR**

Una voce poco fa	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
Vois sous l'archet frémissant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
This journey	DEAD MAN WALKING	Heggie

GRACE TOZER WIPFLI, SOPRANO, 25**TOLEDO, OH**

L'année en vain chasse l'année	L'ENFANT PRODIGE	Debussy
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Ma quando tornerai	ALCINA	Handel
Otchego eto prezhde ne znala	IOLANTA	Tchaikovsky

ELIJAH MCCORMACK, MALE SOPRANO, 26**TRUMBULL, CT**

Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
Dopo notte	ARIODANTE	Handel
Dawn, still darkness	FLIGHT	Dove

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MARIAH WILCOX, SOPRANO, 29**BENTONVILLE, AR**

Pleurez mes yeux	LE CID	Massenet
Leise, leise	DER FREISCHÜTZ	Weber
Mi tradì, quell'alma ingrata	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
To this we've come	THE CONSUL	Menotti

JUDY YANNINI, SOPRANO, 28**TIJUANA, MEXICO**

Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Dove sono	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Glück, das mir verblieb	DIE TOTE STADT	Korngold

BLAIR CAGNEY, SOPRANO, 25**UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ**

Ach, ich liebte	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart
Regnava nel silenzio	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti
Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Maryanne	EMMELINE	Picker

AMANDA O'TOOLE, SOPRANO, 30**RICHMOND, VA**

Einsam in trüben Tagen	LOHENGRIN	Wagner
Pleurez mes yeux	LE CID	Massenet
Embroidery in childhood	PETER GRIMES	Britten
Tu che le vanità	DON CARLO	Verdi

ANYEÉ FARRAR, SOPRANO, 24**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

Arrière! Je réchauffe les bons	L'ENFANT ET LES SORTILÈGES	Ravel
Pip's aria	MOBY-DICK	Heggie
Ruhe sanft	ZAIDE	Mozart
Prendi, per me sei libero	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

YI YANG, BASS, 27**QINGYUAN, CHINA**

O, wie will ich triumphieren	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart
La calunnia	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini
In diesen heil'gen Hallen	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Come dal ciel precipita	MACBETH	Verdi

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