

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2020-21 SEASON

# BUFFALO-TORONTO

DISTRICT AUDITIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 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).

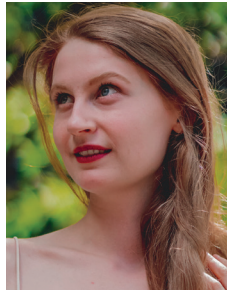
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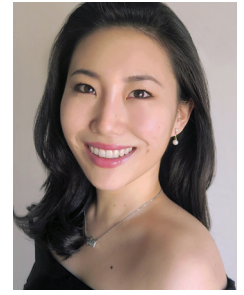
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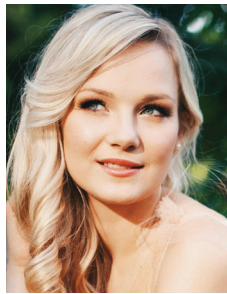
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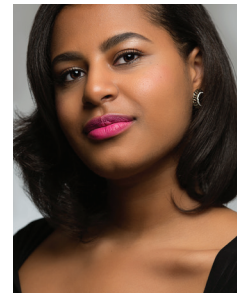
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**REPERTOIRE | JANUARY 10, 2021**

IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

**MATS ROOLVINK, BASS-BARITONE, 22****SINGAPORE**

Votre toast	CARMEN	Bizet
Kogda bi zhizn domashnim krugom	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Come Paride vezzoso	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

**CHELSEA KOLIĆ, SOPRANO, 26****STONEY CREEK, ON**

Have peace, Jo	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo
Dove sono	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Che fiero momento	ORFEO ED EURIDICE	Gluck
Klänge der Heimat	DIE FLEDERMAUS	J. Strauss

**CAMILA MONTEFUSCO, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 24****SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
All'afflitto è dolce il pianto	ROBERTO DEVEREUX	Donizetti
O mio Fernando	LA FAVORITA	Donizetti
Hurr, hopp, hopp, hopp	HÄNSEL UND GRETEL	Humperdinck

**YVONNE TROBE, SOPRANO, 27****ROCHESTER, NY**

Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante	CARMEN	Bizet
Otchego eto prezhde ne znala	IOLANTA	Tchaikovsky
After you hear me out	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo

**JOELLE LACHANCE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 29****COOPERSTOWN, NY**

We had one room	ELIZABETH CREE	Puts
Non so più cosa son	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Vois sous l'archet fremissant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach
Sein wir wieder gut	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss

**SARA DEFRANCO, SOPRANO, 25****ROCHESTER, NY**

His name is Jan	BREAKING THE WAVES	Mazzoli
Tiger! wetze nur die Klauen	ZAIDE	Mozart
Plus de tourments et plus de peine	LE CID	Massenet
In uomini, in soldati	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart

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**MÉLISSA DANIS, SOPRANO, 23****OTTAWA, ON**

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Donde lieta uscì	LA BOHÈME	Puccini
Adieu, notre petite table	MANON	Massenet
Porgi, amor	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Il est doux, il est bon	HÉRODIADE	Massenet

**MICHAEL MILLER, TENOR, 27****MEADVILLE, PA**

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Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Dein ist mein ganzes Herz	DAS LAND DES LÄCHELNS	Lehár
Source délicieuse	POLYEUCTE	Gounod
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

**CRAIG FRANCIS SMITH, BARITONE, 22****FAIRPORT, NY**

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Se vuol ballare	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Lieben, Hassen, Hoffen, Zagen	ARIADNE AUF NAXOS	R. Strauss
J'ai perdu ta photo	SILENT NIGHT	Puts
Warm as the autumn night	THE BALLAD OF BABY DOE	Moore

**CHARLOTTE SIEGEL, SOPRANO, 25****TORONTO, ON**

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Ah! je ris	FAUST	Gounod
Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Chi il bel sogno di Doretta	LA RONDINE	Puccini
Summertime	PORGY AND BESS	Gershwin

**SUN-LY PIERCE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 26****CLINTON, NY**

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Dopo notte	ARIODANTE	Handel
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
Oh, la pitoyable aventure	L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE	Ravel
Am I in your light?	DOCTOR ATOMIC	Adams

**NATALIA HULSE, SOPRANO, 22****ROCHESTER, NY**

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S podruzhkami po yagodu khodit	THE SNOW MAIDEN	Rimsky-Korsakov
Kommt ein schlanker Bursch gegangen	DER FREISCHUTZ	Weber
Saper vorreste	UN BALLO IN MASCHERA	Verdi
Be kind and courteous	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	Britten

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**MARIA LACEY, SOPRANO, 27****ST. JOHN'S, NL**

Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Eccomi in lieta vesta...Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Take me back	OUR TOWN	Roem

**KAROLINE PODOLAK, SOPRANO, 27****TORONTO, ON**

Martern aller Arten	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart
Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Chi il bel sogno di Doretta	LA RONDINE	Puccini
Glitter and be gay	CANDIDE	Bernstein

**LAUREN MARGISON, SOPRANO, 28****TORONTO, ON**

Come scoglio	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini
Ó marno, marno to je	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Non mi dir	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

**JESSICA TOUPIN, SOPRANO, 24****DRACUT, MA**

Meine Lippen, sie küssen so heiss	GIUDITTA	Lehár
No word from Tom	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky
Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo

**ALEX HETHERINGTON, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 24****TORONTO, ON**

Oh, la pitoyable aventure	L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE	Ravel
Ombra mai fu	SERSE	Handel
Smanie implacabili	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss

**MEREDITH SMIETANA, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27****BUFFALO, NY**

Va! laisse couler mes larmes	WERTHER	Massenet
Faites-lui mes aveux	FAUST	Gounod
Am I in your light?	DOCTOR ATOMIC	Adams
Va pure, ad altri in braccio	LA FINTA GIARDINIERA	Mozart

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**STEPHANIE KIM, SOPRANO, 27**

**TORONTO, ON**

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Quel guardo il cavaliere...So anch'io la virtù magica	DON PASQUALE	Donizetti
O luce di quest'anima	LINDA DI CHAMOUNIX	Donizetti
Bester Jüngling	DER SCHAUSPIELDIREKTOR	Mozart
Vedrai, carino	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart

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