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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 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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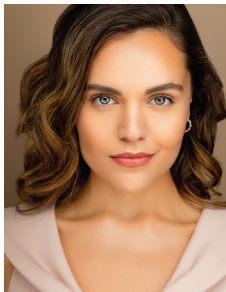
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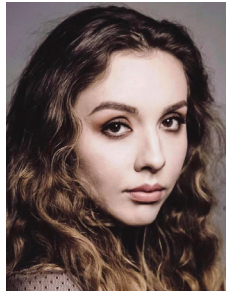
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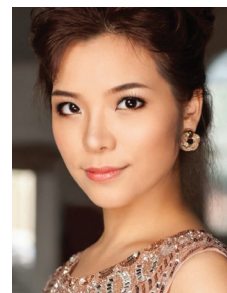
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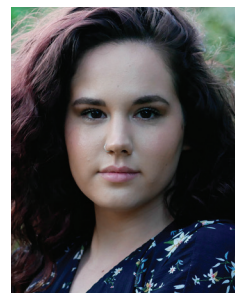
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Sarah Z Wang



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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

SIGRÚN LÓPEZ JACK, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 27**REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND**

Prostitue vy, kholmy, polya rodnye	THE MAID OF ORLEANS	Tchaikovsky
D'amour l'ardente flamme	LA DAMNATION DE FAUST	Berlioz
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
L'amour est un oiseau rebelle	CARMEN	Bizet

ROBERT STAHLEY, TENOR, 29**GROVELAND, MA**

Durch die Wälder, durch die Auen	DER FREISCHÜTZ	Weber
Winterstürme	DIE WALKÜRE	Wagner
Dies Bildnis is bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
La fleur que tu m'avais jetée	CARMEN	Bizet

MARIA NOVELLA Malfatti, SOPRANO, 27**LUCCA, ITALY**

Eccomi in lieta vesta...Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Caro nome	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Je veux vivre	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart

SOLOMON REYNOLDS, TENOR, 26**HOUSTON, TX**

Pastorello d'un povero armento	RODELINDA	Handel
Ich baue ganz auf deine Stärke	DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL	Mozart
Unis dès la plus tendre enfance	IPHIGÉNIE EN TAURIDE	Gluck
Here I stand	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky

MARIA MILLER, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 26**PADUCAH, KY**

Per questa fiamma indomita	ANNA BOLENA	Donizetti
Enfin, je suis ici	CENDRILLON	Massenet
Wie du warst	DER ROSENKAVALIER	R. Strauss
This journey	DEAD MAN WALKING	Heggie

KAYTLIN WITHERS, SOPRANO, 21**HOUSTON, TX**

Se come voi piccina io fossi	LE VILLI	Puccini
Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Elle a fui, la tourterelle	LES CONTES D'HOFFMAN	Offenbach
Prendi, per me sei libero	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

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ASHLYN BROWN, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 23**PALM SPRINGS, CA**

O ma lyre immortelle	SAPHO	Gounod
Crude furie	SERSE	Handel
This journey	DEAD MAN WALKING	Heggie
Ah, Tanya, Tanya	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky

DUKE KIM, TENOR, 28**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

Fra poco a me ricovero	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti
Questa o quella	RIGOLETTO	Verdi
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Ah! mes amis	LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT	Donizetti

GABRIELA FLORES, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**XALAPA, MEXICO**

Va! laisse couler mes larmes	WERTHER	Massenet
Smanie implacabili	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Che farò senza Euridice?	ORFEO ED EURIDICE	Gluck
Près des remparts de Séville	CARMEN	Bizet

JAMES HAYDEN, BASS, 29**FLOWER MOUND, TX**

O Isis und Osiris	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Elisha Fitzgibbon for governor	ROSCOE	Mack
Als Büblein Klein	DIE LUSTIGEN WEIBER VON WINDSOR	Nicolai
La vendetta	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart

SARAH Z WANG, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

Non più mesta	LA CENERENTOLA	Rossini
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Nobles seigneurs, salut!	LES HUGUENOTS	Meyerbeer
Vois sous l'archet frémissant	LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN	Offenbach

MICHAEL J. HAWK, BARITONE, 26**FREDONIA, NY**

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
O vin, dissipe la tristesse	HAMLET	Thomas
Look! Through the port	BILLY BUDD	Britten
Largo al factotum	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini

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KELLY GUERRA, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 28**LOS ANGELES, CA**

Que fais-tu, blanche tourterelle?	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Tu sola...deh! tu bell'anima	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Parto, parto	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Vivan los que rien!	LA VIDA BREVE	Falla

EDWIN JHAMAL DAVIS, BASS, 28**UTICA, MS**

Il lacerato spirito	SIMON BOCCANEGRA	Verdi
Come dal ciel precipita	MACBETH	Verdi
O Isis und Osiris	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
July Fourth speech	FREDERICK DOUGLASS	Moore

JONATHAN BRYAN, BARITONE, 29**DALLAS, TX**

Look! Through the port	BILLY BUDD	Britten
L'orage s'est calmé	LES PÊCHEURS DE PERLES	Bizet
E fra quest'ansie	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
È sogno? o realtà?	FALSTAFF	Verdi

JOEL BALZUN, BARITONE, 30**CALGARY, AB, CANADA**

Si può? Si può?	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Comme une pâle fleur	HAMLET	Thomas
A warm night	DEAD MAN WALKING	Heggie
Sie gibt mir keinen Blick	ARABELLA	R. Strauss

ALANNAH GARNIER, SOPRANO, 29**LOS ANGELES, CA**

Have peace, Jo	LITTLE WOMEN	Adamo
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
In quelle trine morbide	MANON LESCAUT	Puccini
Non so le tetre immagini	IL CORSARO	Verdi

ANTHONY LEÓN, TENOR, 23**RIVERSIDE, CA**

Sì, ritrovarla io giuro	LA CENERENTOLA	Rossini
Au mont Ida	LA BELLE HÉLÈNE	Offenbach
Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Una furtiva lagrima	L'ELISIR D'AMORE	Donizetti

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EUNSUNG LEE, BARITONE, 29

FULLERTON, CA

Hai già vinta la causa	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Avant de quitter ces lieux	FAUST	Gounod
O! du mein holder Abendstern	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner
Captain Ahab? I must speak with you	MOBY-DICK	Heggie

CLOE SANANTONIO, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 29

LOCUST VALLEY, NY

Pensa alla patria	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Sgombra è la sacra selva...Deh! proteggimi	NORMA	Bellini
Ces lettres	WERTHER	Massenet
You shiver	JFK	Little

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