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Sunday, May 16, 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.

Support for this program is generously provided by the Charles H. Dyson National Council Audition Program Endowment Fund at the Metropolitan Opera.

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.

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Megan Graves



Emily Kern



Cory McGee

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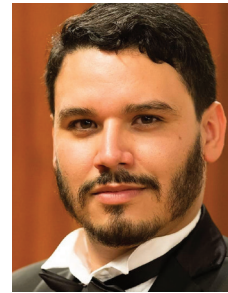
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De Agüero



Jorge Espino



Sofía Garza



Alejandro Luévanos



Jennifer Mariel



Luisa Mordel



Valeria Vázquez

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Daniel Gallegos



Ricardo Garcia



Angel Raii Gomez



Emily Treigle

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IN PERFORMANCE ORDER

JORGE ESPINO, BARITONE, 29**MEXICO CITY, MEXICO**

Rivolgete a lui lo sguardo	COSÌ FAN TUTTE	Mozart
Per me giunto	DON CARLO	Verdi
Vy mne pisali	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
È sogno? O realtà?	FALSTAFF	Verdi

JACINTA BARBACHANO DE AGÜERO, SOPRANO, 28**MEXICO CITY, MEXICO**

Ach, ich fühl's	DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE	Mozart
Divinités du Styx	ALCESTE	Gluck
Sombre forêt	GUILLAUME TELL	Rossini
Sul fil d'un soffio etesio	FALSTAFF	Verdi

RICARDO GARCIA, TENOR, 28**HAYWARD, CA**

Salut! demeure chaste et pure	FAUST	Gounod
Parigi è la città dei desideri	LA RONDINE	Puccini
lo già t'amai	RODELINDA	Handel
De miei bollenti spiriti	LA TRAVIATA	Verdi

LUISA MORDEL, SOPRANO, 26**MONTERREY, MEXICO**

Amour, ranime mon courage	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Havi un Dio che in sua clemenza	MARIA DI ROHAN	Donizetti
Depuis le jour	LOUISE	Charpentier
Eccomi in lieta vesta...Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini

MEGAN GRAVES, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 23**HASLET, TX**

Cruda sorte	L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI	Rossini
Connais-tu le pays?	MIGNON	Thomas
I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove
When I am laid in earth	DIDO AND AENEAS	Purcell

MORIAH BERRY, SOPRANO, 28**ATLANTA GA**

Ah, non credea mirarti...Ah, non giunge	LA SONNAMBULA	Bellini
Je suis encore tout étourdie	MANON	Massenet
My darling Jim	GLORY DENIED	Cipullo
Robert, toi que j'aime	ROBERT LE DIABLE	Meyerbeer

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ANGEL RAII GOMEZ, TENOR, 22**MCALLEN, TX**

Ah! mes amis	LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT	Donizetti
Asile héréditaire...Amis, amis	GUILLAUME TELL	Rossini
Fra poco a me ricovero	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti
Ecco, ridente in cielo	IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA	Rossini

JENNIFER MARIEL, SOPRANO, 26**CANCÚN, MEXICO**

Dove sono	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Un bel dì vedremo	MADAMA BUTTERFLY	Puccini
Song to the moon	RUSALKA	Dvořák
Stridono lassù	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo

SOFÍA GARZA, SOPRANO, 24**MONTERREY, MEXICO**

Chi il bel sogno di Doretta	LA RONDINE	Puccini
Eccomi in lieta vesta...Oh! quante volte	I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI	Bellini
Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante	CARMEN	Bizet
Tu che di gel sei cinta	TURANDOT	Puccini

ALEJANDRO LUÉVANOS, TENOR, 28**DURANGO, MEXICO**

Pourquoi me réveiller	WERTHER	Massenet
Kuda, kuda	EUGENE ONEGIN	Tchaikovsky
Quando le sere al placido	LUISA MILLER	Verdi
Torna ai felici dì	LE VILLI	Puccini

EMILY TREIGLE, MEZZO-SOPRANO, 22**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Addio, o miei sospiri	ORFEO ED EURIDICE	Gluck
Deh, per questo istante solo	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Allez, laissez-moi seul...Cœur sans amour	CENDRILLON	Massenet
I bought this suitcase in New York	FLIGHT	Dove

CORY MCGEE, BASS, 24**STAFFORD, VA**

Come dal ciel precipita	MACBETH	Verdi
Madamina, il catalogo è questo	DON GIOVANNI	Mozart
Ves' tabor spit	ALEKO	Rachmaninoff
Come, master	THE RAKE'S PROGRESS	Stravinsky

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EMILY KERN, SOPRANO, 26

GRAPEVINE, TX

Stridono lassù	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Und ist kein Betrug in seinem Munde	WOZZECK	Berg
I want magic!	A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE	Previn
Das war sehr gut, Mandryka	ARABELLA	R. Strauss

DANIEL GALLEGOS, BARITONE, 28

CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

O vin, dissipe la tristesse	HAMLET	Thomas
Mab, la reine des mensonges	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
E fra quest'ansie	PAGLIACCI	Leoncavallo
Vien, Leonora	LA FAVORITA	Donizetti

VALERIA VÁZQUEZ, SOPRANO, 27

MONTERREY, MEXICO

Pace, pace mio Dio	LA FORZA DEL DESTINO	Verdi
Vissi d'arte	TOSCA	Puccini
Dove sono	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	Mozart
Dich, teure Halle	TANNHÄUSER	Wagner

ANDRES ACOSTA, TENOR, 28

MIAMI, FL

Se all'impero	LA CLEMENZA DI TITO	Mozart
Ah! lève-toi, soleil!	ROMÉO ET JULIETTE	Gounod
Fra poco a me ricovero	LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Donizetti
Last night, how many?	FELLOW TRAVELERS	Spears

JUDGES

PAUL HOPPER | ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC ADMINISTRATOR, THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

Paul Hopper serves as Associate Artistic Administrator at The Metropolitan Opera where he oversees the casting of supporting roles and all covers for roughly twenty-five productions per season. Previously, he was the Assistant Artistic Director at Houston Grand Opera where he assisted in long term artistic planning and casting, managed special artistic initiatives, and guided a variety of audiences in learning more about opera, including numerous events in support of the company's first Ring Cycle. As principal dramaturg for the company he worked closely with composers and librettists in the commissioning and development of new works and oversaw the supertitles for all productions. Passionate about redefining the perception of what opera is capable of achieving, Paul forged new working relationships with Houston Methodist Hospital, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, The Rothko Chapel, and the Women's Home. He has been a guest speaker at the OPERA America Conference, University of Houston, Houston Seminar, Czech Center Houston, and the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Houston, he previously held positions at the Santa Fe Opera and ADA Artist Management.

MATTHEW HORNER | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GLOBAL HEAD OF VOCAL, IMG ARTISTS

Matthew Horner is currently Senior Vice President and Director of the vocal division of IMG Artists, New York where he has worked since 2000. He has served as a judge for numerous vocal competitions including the Metropolitan Opera National Council (both District and Regional levels), Palm Beach Opera Competition, the McCammon Competition in Ft. Worth, the Juilliard Honors Recital, the Alice Tully Hall Debut Recital Competition, the Joy in Singing Competition, and the Jenny Lind Competition. He presents regular classes and audition seminars at the Curtis Institute of Music, Yale University, Mannes College of Music, Bard College, the Canadian Opera Company, the Santa Fe Opera, the Sarasota Opera, and others. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the George London Foundation for Singers and the advisory board of ASTRAL Artistic Services and served as Artistic Consultant to Palm Beach Opera.

CHRISTINA SCHEPPELMANN | GENERAL DIRECTOR, SEATTLE OPERA

Born in Hamburg, Germany, Christina Scheppelmann is the fourth General Director to lead Seattle Opera.

As the Artistic Director General at the Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, a position she held from 2015-2019, Scheppelmann was responsible for programming, casting, and overall artistic direction.

Prior to that, she was the first Director General of the Royal Opera House Muscat (Oman), the first theater of its kind in the Gulf Region, where her mission was to present high-quality music, opera, and dance from around the world. Under her leadership, ROHM established an excellent reputation as a cultural destination in Oman and opened doors for international musical and cultural relations.

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