



THE DALLAS OPERA GUILD

In order to be eligible for consideration, applicants must submit all required materials by the specified due date below. The program is open to singers ages 18 through 30 as of April 4, 2009, who are residents of Texas or study in Texas. Applicants must have professional experience, i.e., paid opera engagement, AGMA or contract or solo church position, but not have sung a leading role in a major theater. The Preliminary screening of CD's submitted by the applicants will be done by a panel of local vocal music professionals. The Vocal Competition committee will then request eligible singers to come to Dallas, at their own expense (if desired, housing in Guild members' homes may be available) to compete before a panel of judges, led by Jonathan Pell, Director of Artistic Administration for The Dallas Opera. Notification of eligibility and details about the competition will be sent well in advance.

Vocal Competition 2009 Application Form

Please fill out completely and write legibly.

Contact information is vital, in the event we need to contact you about your application.

Name: _____ SS#: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell phone: _____

Voice Classification: _____ Total Years Studied: _____

Current Voice Teacher or Coach: _____

Other Teachers, Coaches, Conductors _____

Professional Experience:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What is your Texas connection?

- Texas resident
- Studying/studied voice in Texas
- Other(specify) _____

Music Degrees, and schools:

Application must be accompanied by:

- Photograph (suitable for reproduction in the program)
- Quality CD (preferred) or Cassette Tape (We will not be able to return the media.)
 - Containing two contrasting operatic arias
 - No ensemble excerpts
 - Label with name and musical selections
- Letter of recommendation by two musical professionals, i.e., voice teacher, coach, or choirmaster
- Proof of birth date
- Résumé or bio (optional)

Application must be received no later than January 26, 2009 in order to be eligible for consideration



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The Dallas Opera Guild, recognizing that significant expenses are involved in the development of a professional singing career, created a grant program in 1988 designed to assist gifted young singers from Texas. The program is known as THE DALLAS OPERA GUILD VOCAL COMPETITION.

It is enthusiastically endorsed by The Dallas Opera as a much-needed aid to singers and a welcome addition to the Company's many vehicles for developing new talent. To date, seventeen young singers who have received awards have performed solo roles with The Dallas Opera. Others have performed roles with The Metropolitan Opera, Santa Fe Opera, and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, in addition to other opera companies throughout the United States.



The 2009 Grant Program

- The Vocal Competition for Singers will be held on April 4, 2009.
- The number of awards and dollar amounts vary from year to year.
- First place award will be a minimum of \$4,000.
- Other awards and exact amounts will be given at the discretion of the judges.
- The People's Choice Award will be selected by a secret-ballot vote of the audience attending the finals.
- The final competition will be audio recorded for the exclusive use of The Dallas Opera and The Dallas Opera Guild. Singers will be asked to sign a release form to allow for this recording. A decision not to sign the form will have no bearing on the competition outcome, and indeed, the judges will have no knowledge of such a decision.
- Recipients may be requested to perform for selected Dallas Opera Guild functions.

