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## Schmidt Vocal Arts Announces 2019-2020 Season

*Popular Schmidt Vocal Competition will be offered in 17 different locations*

**(Covington, Ky.) September 12, 2019** – [Schmidt Vocal Arts](#)—which [recently announced](#) an expansion of its programming for young singers—announces its 2019-2020 season of vocal programming. The popular [Schmidt Vocal Competition](#) takes place during the academic year and will be held in 17 different locations throughout the U.S. [Schmidt Vocal Institute](#) will be hosted at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio from **June 22 through July 5, 2020**. Additional vocal education programs for students and teachers will also be offered in locations throughout the U.S. Please see below or visit [schmidtvocalarts.org](http://schmidtvocalarts.org) for more information.

“Schmidt Vocal Arts programming is incredibly effective at helping young singers gain exposure to the classical music community, improve their vocal technique through access to world-renowned educators, and make new friends who share their love for music,” says Schmidt Vocal Arts Executive Director Linda McAlister. “I am particularly excited for the upcoming 2019-2020 season, as we have recently made a commitment to expand our programming nationwide. As our programs continue to grow, we encourage all young singers to come and experience what Schmidt has to offer!”

### Schmidt Vocal Competition

Schmidt Vocal Competition is a day-long competition held annually in 17 locations throughout the U.S. for aspiring high school singers who will perform, learn, and compete for cash awards and scholarships. Below is the competition schedule for the 2019-2020 season. The competition day begins at 8:30 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. To learn more and to apply, visit <https://schmidtvocalarts.org/programs/vocal-competition/>.

### 2019-2020 Schmidt Vocal Competition Schedule

October 5, 2019 – Baylor University, Waco, Texas

October 12, 2019 – Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Florida

October 12, 2019 – Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

November 3, 2019 – Mannes School of Music, New York, New York  
November 16, 2019 – Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
December 7, 2019 – University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado  
March 7, 2020 – Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia  
March 14, 2020 – Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
March 14, 2020 – University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
March 14, 2020 – University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada  
March 28, 2020 – University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California  
April 4, 2020 – University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 18, 2020 – University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
May 3, 2020 – New England Conservatory, Boston, Massachusetts  
May 9, 2020 – Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington  
May 16, 2020 – Chicago College of Performing Arts-Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois  
June 21, 2020 – Opera Institute-Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at American University, Washington, D.C.

### **Schmidt Vocal Institute**

Schmidt Vocal Institute will be held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio from **June 22 through July 5, 2020**. SVI is a two-week intensive summer program, that gives young singers opportunities to participate in voice lessons with esteemed professionals, master classes and coaching with world-renowned guest artists, and both solo and ensemble performance opportunities. To learn more or register, visit <https://schmidtvocalarts.org/programs/vocal-institute/>.

### **Schmidt Vocal Education**

Schmidt Vocal Arts hosts vocal education opportunities throughout the year. This season will include vocal training workshops for high school singers in Chicago, Illinois this Fall and Boulder, Colorado in the Spring. A vocal workshop for teachers and choral directors will also be held in Boulder, Colorado in Spring of 2020. For more information on education programs as they are added throughout the year, visit <https://schmidtvocalarts.org/programs/vocal-education/>.

### **Schmidt Vocal Scholarships**

Schmidt Vocal Arts provides thousands of dollars in need- and merit-based scholarships to eligible, aspiring young singers. Need-based scholarships, which are typically awarded to winners (top three places) of Schmidt Vocal Competitions, reduce the scholars' burden of borrowing and lessen funding gaps between cost and ability to pay. Scholarship recipients major in Vocal Performance and maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA. Students also benefit from financial aid advising by the Scholarship Manager for Schmidt Vocal Arts.

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### **About Schmidt Vocal Arts**

Schmidt Vocal Arts has impacted the lives of thousands of young students over the past two decades, offering awards, scholarships, and educational experiences for more than 400 students annually. Schmidt Vocal Arts programs include: Schmidt Vocal Competition, a day-long competition held annually in 17 locations throughout the U.S. for aspiring high school singers to perform, learn and compete for cash awards; Schmidt Vocal Institute, a two-week intensive summer program, that gives young singers

opportunities to participate in voice lessons with esteemed professionals, master classes and coaching with world-renowned guest artists, and both solo and ensemble performance opportunities; Schmidt Vocal Education provides regional programs for singers and teachers to learn and challenge themselves, participate in performance experiences, and continue formal education and training through intensive workshops; and Schmidt Vocal Scholarships provides need-based support for talented singers continuing their professional vocal education. Many accomplished Schmidt Vocal Arts alumni have gone on to pursue musical degrees at leading music schools and enjoy successful careers in the arts. Schmidt Vocal Arts is funded by the William E. Schmidt Foundation, which encourages aspiring young singers to pursue their passion in vocal arts.