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# SCHMIDT VOCAL COMPETITION

University of Colorado-Boulder  
Saturday, November 21, 2020

The Schmidt Vocal Competition is pleased and honored to partner with the University of Colorado-Boulder. Our ability to provide an exceptional vocal competition experience is reliant on our host institution partners. The mission of the College of Music is to inspire artistry and discovery, together. The college offers a wide range of programs for uniquely combining advanced musical training with professionally oriented experiences and the rich resources of a leading research university. Active as award-winning professional performers, composers and scholars, College of Music faculty members are committed to helping students develop their talents and succeed in their chosen musical endeavors. The College of Music boasts a faculty-to-student ratio of approximately one faculty member for every eight students. This close interaction inspires and equips students to develop their talents, refine their passions and ultimately succeed in their professional endeavors.

## Competition Awards

First Place	\$2,500
Second Place	\$2,000
Third Place	\$1,500
Finalists	\$250
Most Promising Sophomore	\$100
Encouragement Award(s)	\$100

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# Adjudicators/ Master Class Clinicians

**MATTHEW CHELLIS:** Tenor Matthew Chellis – known as one of the finest singing actors in the country – is Associate Professor of Voice and Director of Musical Theatre at the University of Colorado Boulder’s College of Music. He is the founder and Artistic Director of the Up North Vocal Institute – a summer vocal training program for some of America’s finest university singers ([upnorthvocalinstitute.com](http://upnorthvocalinstitute.com)). At home in all styles of music, his long career in opera, musical theatre and concert work has enabled him to sing throughout North America, South America and Europe – numerous roles with the New York City Opera, Opera de Bogata, and Calgary Opera to name a few of his favorite venues. Please visit [MatthewChellis.com](http://MatthewChellis.com) for further career highlights. Mr. Chellis is sought after as a vocal clinician and competition judge and is thrilled to be associated with the Schmidt Vocal Competition judging and teaching at UC Boulder and around the country for the competition.

**LIZA KELLY:** Liza Forrester Kelly is an active performing artist, stage director, and music educator. As a recitalist, she tours programs that range in repertoire from early music, to classical and contemporary art song, to jazz, musical theater, and pop song. Notable recital engagements include those with the New York Festival of Song, New York City Opera, Joy in Singing, Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, the Five Boroughs Music Festival, the Pittsburgh Song Collaborative, and the Source Song Festival. Stage credits include roles and engagements with Cincinnati Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, New York City Opera, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and the Cincinnati May Festival. As an educator, Liza is passionate about working with young vocalists in building the skills and artistry necessary for traditional and non-traditional vocal performance. She conducts recital and performance workshops at universities, colleges, and performing arts high schools across the United States. She is an alumna of the Glimmerglass Opera Young Artist Program, the Ravinia Steans Institute, and the Carnegie Hall Weill Institute. She received her Master of Music and Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She has worked as faculty for the Schmidt Vocal Institute, Center for Language in Song, and as assistant artistic director the Accademia Vocale Lorenzo Malfatti in Lucca, Italy. Liza is currently an associate professor of voice and director of opera theater at Western Kentucky University.

**MARIA SPACAGNA:** Providence born soprano, Maria Spacagna, has been a regular guest artist at many of the world’s most prestigious opera houses including the Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Zurich Opera, Opera Theater of Montreal, Capetown Opera of South Africa, New York City Opera, Santa Fe Opera Festival and many others. She has been a winner of many awards and competitions which include the Metropolitan Opera National Council, The Verdi International Vocal Competition, The Paris International Vocal Competition and 2 George London Grants. She was the first American-born artist to perform the role of Madama Butterfly at La Scala. Her recording for Vox Classics, the first commercial recording of the 1904 La Scala world premiere version of Puccini’s Madama Butterfly, and her recordings of the title role of Mascagni’s Lodeletta for Hungaroton and Vivetta in Cilea’s L’Arlesiana for Harmonia Mundi have all earned critical acclaim. At the invitation of Placido Domingo, Ms. Spacagna performed at a State Dinner honoring the Prime Minister of Italy given by President and Mrs. Clinton at the White House. Ms. Spacagna is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music where she received a Bachelor of Music in Voice and a Master of Music in Voice with Distinction. Presently, she is a tenured Associate Professor of Voice at Carnegie Mellon University, College of Fine Arts.

**Jaron Ammons, Junior**  
Non siate rittrorsi  
Love That's True Will Live Forever

**Kaitlin Bennett, Sophomore**  
Dream Valley  
Date abbiento al mio dolore

**Elizabeth Boruff, Sophomore**  
Già il sole dal Gange  
Nuit d'étoiles

**Ashley Bragg, Senior**  
Notre amour  
Prinsessen

**Mina Brooks-Schmidt, Junior**  
It Was a Lover and His Lass  
Per pietà bell'idol mio

**Amelia Brunner, Sophomore**  
Soliloquy  
Vergin, tutto amor

**Rose Carilli, Senior**  
I am in Need of Music  
Chi vuol la zingarella

**Allison Carter, Junior**  
Wie Melodien zieht es mir  
Per la gloria d'adorarvi

**Angelina Chen, Sophomore**  
Si mes vers avaient des ailes  
Voi lo sapete, o mamma

**Erin Davis, Senior**  
A Heart That's Free  
Il neige

**Miles Gibbs, Senior**  
I'll Sail Upon the Dog Star  
An die Musik

**Amisha Gupta, Junior**  
Quella fiamma che m'accende  
Beau soir

**Delaney Henry, Senior**  
Heart, we will forget him  
Anakreons Grab

**Corrine Jones, Sophomore**  
Se tu m'ami  
Shenandoah

**Elyse Kazmierski, Senior**  
Nuit d'étoiles  
A Piper

**Alton, IL**  
W.A. Mozart  
G.F. Handel

**Apopka, FL**  
Roger Quilter  
Stefano Donaudy

**Newtown Square, PA**  
Alessandro Scarlatti  
Claude Debussy

**Phoenix, AZ**  
Gabriel Fauré  
Edvard Grieg

**Sitka, AK**  
Edward German  
Vincenzo Bellini

**Evansville, WI**  
John Work  
Francesco Durante

**Socorro, NM**  
Ben Moore  
Giovanni Paisiello

**Covington, GA**  
Johannes Brahms  
Giovanni Battista Bononcini

**Fremont, CA**  
Reynaldo Hahn  
Pietro Mascagni

**Colorado Springs, CO**  
Railey & Robyn  
Hermann Bemberg

**Colorado Springs, CO**  
Henry Purcell  
Franz Schubert

**Greenwood Village, CO**  
Benedetto Marcello  
Claude Debussy

**Savage, MN**  
Aaron Copland  
Hugo Wolf

**Godfrey, IL**  
Alessandro Parisotti  
arr. Jay Althouse

**Plymouth, MI**  
Giacomo Puccini  
John Duke

**Ali Kells, Senior**  
Arise, My Soul, Arise  
Star vicino

**Olivia Klassen, Junior**  
Se tu m'ami, se sopiri  
Widmung

**Benjamin Kohav, Senior**  
Après un rêve  
Ich liebe dich

**Sophia Kumagai, Junior**  
Solveig's Song  
Per non penar

**Dana Mays, Senior**  
O del mio dolce ardor  
The Monk and His Cat

**Claire McCarter, Senior**  
La Pastorella  
Romance

**Whitman Ochiai, Senior**  
I am a Pirate King  
Manca Sollecita

**Daniel Perez, Sophomore**  
An Sylvia  
Nina

**Santiago Reyes, Junior**  
Vaga luna che inargenti  
Come Ready And See Me

**Ty'Ria Rounds, Senior**  
V'adoro pupille  
Chanson d'amour

**Carolyn Schrock, Senior**  
Give Me Jesus  
Danza, danza fanciulla gentile

**Avantika Swaminathan, Sophomore**  
Beau soir  
O cessate di piagarmi

**Grace Traynor-Croft, Sophomore**  
The Water is Wide  
Tu lo sai

**Emily Welker, Junior**  
Den vieni, non tardar  
The K'e

**Celeste Woody, Junior**  
Lachen und weinen  
It Was a Lover and His Lass

**Garden City, KS**  
Dan Forrest  
Salvator Rosa

**Eagle, ID**  
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Robert Schumann

**Boulder, CO**  
Gabriel Fauré  
Ludwig van Beethoven

**Alton, IL**  
Edvard Grieg  
Emanuele d'Astorga

**Spring, TX**  
C.W. Gluck  
Samuel Barber

**Richardson, TX**  
Franz Schubert  
Claude Debussy

**Great Falls, VA**  
Gilbert & Sullivan  
Nicola Vaccai

**Miami Springs, FL**  
Franz Schubert  
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

**Miami, FL**  
Vincenzo Bellini  
Richard Hundley

**Alton, IL**  
G.F. Handel  
Gabriel Fauré

**Garden City, MO**  
arr. Mark Hayes  
Francesco Durante

**San Carlos, CA**  
Claude Debussy  
Alessandro Scarlatti

**Madison, WI**  
arr. Luigi Zaninelli  
Guiseppe Torelli

**Colorado Springs, CO**  
W.A. Mozart  
Celius Dougherty

**Monument, CO**  
Franz Schubert  
Thomas Morley