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# SCHMIDT VOCAL COMPETITION

Vanderbilt University  
Saturday, November 14, 2020

Schmidt Vocal Arts is pleased and honored to partner with Vanderbilt University. Our ability to provide an exceptional vocal competition experience is reliant on our host institution partners. The Blair School is a professional, undergraduate-only music school where voice students can take advantage of outstanding liberal arts offerings and rewarding curriculum as part of the intellectual spirit and culture of Vanderbilt University. The countless opportunities at The Blair School, in combination with those at Vanderbilt, allow for a pursuit of a wide variety of interests in addition to a musical focus — often sparking the discovery of new academic and artistic passions along the way. At the end of their tenure at The Blair School, voice students demonstrate excellence in musical fluency and artistry, exhibit leadership as citizen artists, possess a foundation in communication, marketing and practical career skills, and have confidence in their preparation for what comes next.

## 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

**CHRISTINE BRANDES:** Noted soprano Christine Brandes performs at many of the world's most distinguished festivals and concert. She has sung principle roles for the following opera companies: San Francisco, Seattle, Washington National, Houston Grand, Minnesota, New York City Opera, Philadelphia, Glimmerglass, Portland, among others. She has also sung with the following orchestras: Cleveland, Chicago, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Atlanta, Detroit, Seattle, Minnesota, National Symphony, with such distinguished conductors as Sir Simon Rattle, Pierre Boulez, Esa-Pekka Salonen, and Nicholas McGegan. Christine recently appeared with West Edge Opera (Oakland) in Martin y Soler's *L'Arbore di Diana*; the Boston Symphony Chamber Players in György Kurtág's *Scenes from a Novel* and Handel's *Israel in Egypt* at Carnegie Hall with the New York Choral Society. As a conductor, Ms. Brandes has led operas by Haydn and Rameau for Victory Hall Opera (Charlottesville) and Gluck's *Orfeo ed Euridice* for West Edge Opera. She is an Associate Professor of Voice and Opera at San Francisco State University, director of the UC Berkeley University Baroque Ensemble and assistant conductor of the Oakland Civic Orchestra.

**AMY JARMAN:** Soprano Amy Jarman has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times for her "radiant tone and moving phrasing." She is an active performer, appearing in opera, concert and oratorio performances at universities and music festivals in the U.S. and abroad. Ms. Jarman has been a guest artist at the Vocal Artistry Art Song Festival in Albuquerque, N.M., the Festival of American and Bulgarian music in Sofia, Bulgaria, the Baroque Festival of Corona del Mar, California, the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series in Chicago, and the Rocky Ridge Music Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. Jarman has appeared in concert in London, Leeds, Manchester, and Bristol, England and given master classes on American art song at the Royal Northern College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She is on the voice faculty at the InterHarmony Music Festival in Acqui Terme, Italy. Ms. Jarman has sung roles as diverse as Mimi in *La Bohème*, Countess Almaviva in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Desirée Armfeldt in *A Little Night Music*, and Madeline Mitchell in Jake Heggie's *Three Decembers*. Jarman is a member of the voice faculty at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music.

**NICHOLAS MUNI:** Nicholas Muni is in his fourth year as Artistic Director of the A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute and Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He has also recently been appointed as Artistic Director of More Than Musical, Ltd, a new opera company in Hong Kong. His productions have been seen at San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera, Canadian Opera Company in Toronto, Houston Grand Opera, Seattle Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Glimmerglass Opera and Opera Theater of St. Louis. In Europe he has directed for the Prague National Opera, the Kurt Weill International Festival, Stadttheater Giessen, Opera Ireland, Theater Erfurt, Tiroler Landestheater in Innsbruck and Stadttheater Bern. He served as Artistic Director for the Tulsa Opera (1987-93) and Cincinnati Opera (1996-2005). Recent projects include: *Norma* at The Dallas Opera and Florida Grand Opera, *The Kiss of Tosca* and *La Traviata* at More Than Musical Hong Kong, *Crazy in Love* at Opera Hong Kong, ConcertArt at UNCSA, *Lucia di Lammermoor* at The Academy of Vocal Arts, *Impressions de Pelléas*, *Florencia en el Amazonas* and *La Tragédie de Carmen* at A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute, *The Seven Deadly Sins* at Tanglewood Music Center, *Don Giovanni* at Opera Philadelphia and San Diego Opera, *Elektra* at Michigan Opera Theater; *Powder Her Face* at Odyssey Opera in Boston, *Don Pasquale* at San Francisco Opera Merola Program. Upcoming projects: *Exotica* with Opera Hong Kong Young Artist Program, *Le Nozze di Figaro* at Miami University Opera, and *Norma* at Calgary Opera.

**Jovon Ammons, Junior**

O del mio amato ben  
Money, O!

**Benjamin Brown, Junior**

Che fiero costume  
Du bist wie eine Blume

**Olivia Buck, Sophomore**

The K'e  
Quella barbara catena

**Calia Burdette, Sophomore**

Chanson d'amour  
Lascia ch'io pianga

**Bianca Cabarios, Junior**

The Time Comes  
Gia il sole dal Gange

**Ellie Cain, Sophomore**

¿Con qué la lavaré?  
Glorious Forever

**Anna Gallaher, Senior**

Voi, che sapete  
How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

**Saige Hoffman, Junior**

Du bist die Ruh  
Souvenir

**Aurora Jablon, Senior**

X  
Erinnerung

**Ryellie Kaye, Sophomore**

Se tu m'ami  
Laurie's Song

**Jessica Kelly, Sophomore**

Let Beauty Awake  
Danza, danza fanciulla gentile

**Kayla King, Junior**

Caro mio ben  
Loveliest of Trees

**Molly Knight, Senior**

Spirate pur, spirate  
Notre amour

**Ava Kuntz, Senior**

Trübe Augen  
Beyond

**Abigail Lagerberg, Senior**

O mio babbino caro  
Elle a fui, la tourterelle

**Alton, IL**

Stefano Donaudy  
Michael Head

**Ringgold, GA**

Giovanni Legrenzi  
Robert Schumann

**Godfrey, IL**

Celius Dougherty  
Francesco Ciampi

**Independence, KY**

Gabriel Fauré  
G.F. Handel

**Macomb, MI**

Judith Cloud  
Alessandro Scarlatti

**Mason, OH**

Joaquín Rodrigo  
Sergei Rachmaninoff

**Brighton, IL**

W.A. Mozart  
Samuel Liddle

**Miami, FL**

Franz Schubert  
Ricky Ian Gordon

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Josephine Lang

**Phoenix, AZ**

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Aaron Copland

**Fort Worth, TX**

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Francesco Durante

**Chandler, AZ**

Giuseppe Giordani  
John Duke

**Indianapolis, IN**

Stefano Donaudy  
Gabriel Fauré

**Santa Ana, CA**

Carl Maria von Weber  
Jake Heggie

**Spring Hill, TN**

Giacomo Puccini  
Jacques Offenbach

**Lexi Lee, Junior**

The Black Swan  
Solveig's Song

**Kate Liang, Sophomore**

O Sleep, Why Dost Thou Leave Me?  
Chanson d'amour

**Christina Lopez, Senior**

Una donna a quindici anni  
Estrellita

**Chase Lowery, Senior**

Every Valley Shall be Exalted  
Steal Away to Jesus

**Gianna Macedon, Sophomore**

Quella fiamma  
I attempt from love's sickness to fly

**Eleanor Monroe, Senior**

As When The Dove  
Das Veilchen

**Clarity Paris, Senior**

Give Me Jesus  
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

**Biana Pinchuk, Senior**

Anzoleta dopo la regata  
Der kleine Sandmann bin ich

**Isabella Recktenwald, Junior**

Widmung  
Che farò senza Euridice

**Kylan Ritchie, Sophomore**

Nel cor piu non mi sento  
The Green Dog

**Alexa Stone, Sophomore**

Everywhere I Look  
Tu lo sai

**Alexandra Thibault, Senior**

Take, O Take Those Lips Away  
Quella fiamma

**Heidi Thiessen, Senior**

Almen se non poss'io  
Down in the Forest

**Lorian Warford, Junior**

Love Leads to Battle  
An Chloe

**Sara-Kate Wiseman, Senior**

Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt  
Ideale

**Bayside, WI**

Gian Carlo Menotti  
Edvard Grieg

**Aurora, OH**

G.F. Handel  
Gabriel Fauré

**McAllen, TX**

W.A. Mozart  
Manuel Ponce

**Chattanooga, TN**

G.F. Handel  
Roland Carter

**Stafford, VA**

Benedetto Marcello  
Henry Purcell

**San Mateo, CA**

G.F. Handel  
W.A. Mozart

**Chattanooga, TN**

Moses Hogan  
G.F. Handel

**Sunny Isles Beach, FL**

Gioachino Rossini  
Engelbert Humperdinck

**Louisville, KY**

Robert Schumann  
C.W. Gluck

**Clarksville, TN**

Giovanni Paisiello  
Herbert Kingsley

**Brentwood, TN**

Molly Carew  
Giuseppe Torelli

**Lexington, KY**

Amy Beach  
Benedetto Marcello

**Owings Mills, MD**

Vincenzo Bellini  
Landon Ronald

**Godfrey, IL**

Giovanni Battista Bononcini  
W.A. Mozart

**Louisville, KY**

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Paolo Tosti