



# The Inaugural Opera New Jersey Voice Competition 2009, Princeton, New Jersey

Semi-Finals: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Finals: Sunday, May 24, 2009

**First Prize \$5,000**  
**Second Prize \$2,000**

**Third Prize \$1,000**  
**Fourth Prize \$750**

**Fifth Prize \$500**  
**Audience Favorite \$500**  
**Encouragement Awards \$100**

## **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

- Contestants must be 22 to 35 years of age as of May 23, 2009.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$35 is required of all applicants.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2009. Thereafter, they will NOT be processed.
- Applications must be legible & completed in full. DO NOT STAPLE MATERIALS TOGETHER.
- All materials must be sent to: Opera New Jersey Vocal Competition P.O. Box 3151, Princeton, NJ 08543
- The following must be included with the application:
  - Current professional resumé of one page. A biography is not acceptable.
  - Current headshot of standard size
  - Proof of age, such as a copy of a government-issued ID
  - Payment of \$35 in the form of a check or money order.
- Applicants must be prepared to sing four arias of contrasting style:
  - One aria in Italian
  - One aria in either French or German
  - One aria in English
  - One aria of applicant's choosing
- All selections should be sung in the original key.
- Applicants must submit a recording of TWO arias from the four offered selections. This may be submitted via a CD recording; however, we highly encourage you to submit your sound files electronically in an MP3 format to Competition@Opera-NJ.org. Please also attach your resume if you choose this option.
- A panel will review all submissions and Opera New Jersey will notify the Semi-Finalists by May 1, 2009.
- Opera New Jersey will provide a highly qualified pianist for both the Semi-Final and Final Competition.
  - Applicants may bring their own pianist.
  - Finalists will have a brief rehearsal session with the pianist.
  - There will be no rehearsal for the Semi-Final round.
- Opera New Jersey reserves the right to disqualify contestants for any false information found on applications.
- Opera New Jersey will set the repertoire and choose the order of Finalists.
- If a contestant living outside the New York-Philadelphia corridor advances to the Final round on Sunday, housing for Saturday evening will be provided.
- For additional information, call Opera New Jersey at (609)-799-7700 or contact us at Competition@Opera-NJ.org
- Participants may be released from the competition due to unprofessional behavior or impropriety as determined by the General and Artistic Director and artistic staff.



**OPERA NEW JERSEY VOCAL COMPETITION - Continued**  
**May 23-24, 2009**  
**Princeton, New Jersey**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN FULL. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Type \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to use Opera New Jersey's provided pianist.     Yes     No

|   | <b>Language</b> | <b>Composer</b> | <b>Opera</b> | <b>Aria Title</b> | <b>Included on CD?</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Italian         |                 |              |                   |                        |
| 2 | Fr/ Ger         |                 |              |                   |                        |
| 3 | English         |                 |              |                   |                        |
| 4 |                 |                 |              |                   |                        |

**By this signature, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Checklist of materials to be included:

- Resume
- Proof of age
- Recording via CD or e-mail
- Current headshot
- Payment of \$35