

Opera Index, Inc.

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2009 OPERA INDEX VOCAL COMPETITION

Opera Index, Inc. is a New York based tax-exempt corporation whose mission is to assist young artists at the very early stages of their careers with cash awards totaling \$39,000.

The Major Awards are given in the amounts of: \$10,000, \$7,500, \$5,000, \$4,000, and \$3,000
Encouragement Awards are \$1,000 each

Auditions

Auditions will be scheduled between 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM **Monday, October 12 & Tuesday October 13** and **Finals** on **Thursday October 15**, 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM and will be held at **Merkin Concert Hall** at the Kaufman Music Center, **129 West 67th Street** (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue) in New York City

Applicants **must not be older than 35 at the time of the first audition** and be referred by music professionals.

All Competition inquiries and responses are handled at the address, phone and E-Mail below
(A #10 SASE must accompany mail inquiries.)
Use this address below, do not mail to the PO Box

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c/o Janet T. Stovin
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All completed application must be received **no later than September 28, 2009** and must be accompanied by a **non-refundable \$30.00 processing fee**.

AWARDS

Career Award Winners (\$2,000 and above) must sing at the **January 10, 2010** Award Gala at the Jumeirah Essex House in New York City

Encouragement Award Winners (\$1,000) **must sing at either** the **November 4, 2009** Membership Party or the **May 2, 2010** Spring Luncheon in New York City to receive their cash awards.

Opera Index, Inc. Vocal Competition Application – 2009

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Voice Category _____

Name _____

Address _____
Number Street Apt #

City State Zip

Telephone () _____ Email _____

Permanent address if Different from Above _____

Telephone if Different from Above () _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Applicants **must not be older than 35** at the time of the first audition

(Include photocopy of Birth Certificate, or Passport or Driver's License)

Manager _____ Email _____

Address _____

| EDUCATION | Schools | Degree (s) | Dates |
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| TEACHERS/COACHES | Dates |
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| PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, PRIZES AND GRANTS | Date Received |
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| Professional Opera Experience (List engagements of the last 2-3 year dates only) | | | |
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| Role | Opera/Language | Company | Date |

Upcoming Operatic Engagements

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Applicants **must not be older than 35** as of the first date of the competition.

1. All applications must be received **no later than September 28, 2009**.
2. Candidates accepted for the preliminary audition must submit 12 copies of a list of 5 arias in contrasting styles and languages on the day of the audition. The preliminary auditions will be held on **Monday, October 12** and **Tuesday October 13**, from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Merkin Concert Hall at the Kaufman Music Center, 169 West 67th Street. (Between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave.)
3. Candidates accepted for the Final Audition must submit 20 copies of the same list of 5 arias. The Final Auditions will be held on **Thursday, October 15** at the Merkin Concert Hall from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
4. An accompanist will be provided free-of-charge at the auditions. Any rehearsal with the accompanist must be arranged and paid by the applicant.
5. Applicants are responsible for bringing their own music to the auditions.
6. **Major Award Winners** - awards starting at \$2,000 – must perform at the Distinguished Achievement Award Gala on Sunday, **January 10, 2010** at the Jumeirah Essex House, 160 Central Park South, New York City in order to receive their awards. The recital will require two rehearsals within 48 hours prior to the gala. It is important for the winners to attend these rehearsal.
7. **Encouragement Award Winners** must perform at either the Membership Party, **Wednesday November 4, 2009** or at the Spring Lunch, **May 2, 2010** in order to receive their awards.
8. Encouragement Award Winners and applicants who have not received Awards may reapply.

**Submission of the Application does NOT guarantee an audition.
Singing at the Audition does NOT guarantee the Applicant an Award**

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

Important Information and Advice on the Audition Protocols

1. Formal attire not appropriate, but do look your best in recognition and respect to the judges and Opera Index.
2. Plain speaking advice: The Opera Index Competition prefers to hear the standard operatic arias. You have seven minutes to present your skills. Present arias that will give a quick but accurate picture of your skills, natural abilities, training and experiences.
3. Choose the arias carefully. Do not have long arias (keep each aria under four minutes). Do not open with a difficult aria unless you are absolutely sure of your skills. The judges will ask for a second aria to hear more about your abilities.
4. Do not include in your aria list any aria that you are in the process of learning.
5. Voice quality comes first, but diction, understanding of the text and the ability to convey the essence of an aria are given important consideration.

