

New York Lyric Opera Theatre

2010 Vocal Competition

Division I

Young Artists

**Age: Under 28 years of age
on March 20, 2010**

Division II

Emerging Artists

**Age: 28 years of age or older
on March 20, 2010**

Competition Dates

Round I: Preliminaries by CD only

Round II: Semi-finals: March 13 – 15, 2009 in NYC

Round III: Finals: Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Symphony Space in NYC

**Please enter the competition ONLY if you are able to compete
in the semi-final and final rounds.**

**Entries must be received by January 23, 2010.
(See enclosed competition guidelines and application).**

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Prizes

Division I

1st Prize: \$1,000.00, 2nd Prize: \$500.00, 3rd Prize: \$250.00,
“People’s Choice Award”: \$100.00

Division II

1st Prize: \$1,000.00, 2nd Prize: \$500.00, 3rd Prize: \$250.00,
“People’s Choice Award”: \$100.00

Guidelines

1. **Eligibility.** All contestants must be U.S. citizens or non-citizens authorized to work in the United States. Winners must provide proper identification along with a valid Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). Winners must also complete and sign both the I-9 and W-9 United States Government Forms. The competition is open to all singers who HAVE NOT already performed a leading role with an “Opera America Level I Company” (annual budget greater than \$10 million).
2. **Division I.** Applicants applying to Division I must be under 28 years of age on March 20, 2010.
3. **Division II.** Applicants applying to Division II must be 28 years of age or older on March 20, 2010.
4. **Round I: Preliminaries.** Round I competition is by CD RECORDING ONLY. (See No. 11 for more details).
5. **Round II: Semi-finals.** Semi-finalist must be available to compete *live* in New York City at a designated time between March 13 – 15, 2010. Each semi-finalist must be prepared to sing five contrasting arias in at least three different languages.
6. **Round III: Finals.** There will be 15 contestants chosen from each division who will advance to the finals. Finalists must be available to compete *live* at Symphony Space (NYC) on March 20, 2010. Division I final competition will be held at 4:00 PM and Division II at 8:00 PM.
7. **Judges.** Different panels of nationally recognized opera professionals will judge the various rounds and divisions of the competition.
8. **Judging for the finals.** The judges will have 75% of the vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes; the audience will have 25% of the vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes. The audience will have 100% of the vote of the “People’s Choice Award”. The votes will be tallied immediately following the competition, and the results will be announced after a short break.
9. **Accompanist.** Accompanists will be provided for the semi-finals and finals. Contestants may, however, choose to bring their own accompanist at their own expense.
10. **Proof of Age.** All applicants applying to Division I (under 28 years of age on March 20, 2010) must submit a copy of a valid passport, driver’s license, or state issued photo ID. Contestants applying for Division II are not required to provide proof of age.

11. **CD Recording.** All applicants must send a CD recording with piano accompaniment of two contrasting arias. Please do not submit audio cassettes, mini-disks, video tapes, DVDs, or recordings with orchestra. Only CD recordings will be accepted. NOTE: Recordings must have been made after January 1, 2009. The name of the contestant and the aria selections should be listed on the CD case as well as on the CD itself.
12. **Nonrefundable entrance fee.** The (nonrefundable) application fee for both Division I and II is \$50.00. Bank checks, certified checks and money orders ONLY, payable to: "New York Lyric Opera Theatre". NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
13. **Application deadline.** All applications must be received by January 23, 2010.
14. **Completed application package.** Please send completed materials to: Vocal Competition, New York Lyric Opera Theatre, P.O. Box 237027, New York, NY 10023.
15. **Notification for semi-finalists.** Written notification for the semi-finals will be sent by February 25, 2010.

Application Checklist

___ Completed application

___ A copy of proof of age, as described in "Guidelines"
(not required for Division II applicants)

___ Resume

___ 8' x 10' photo

___ CD recording (as described in "Guidelines")

___ Nonrefundable entry fee of \$ 50.00.

NOTE: Bank checks, certified checks and money orders ONLY,
payable to: "New York Lyric Opera Theatre.(NO PERSONAL
CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED).

___ Self-addressed, stamped business envelope with the
New York Lyric Opera Theatre address as the return address

Send all materials to:

**Vocal Competition
New York Lyric Opera Theatre
PO Box 237027
New York, NY 10023**

**All materials must be received by January 23, 2010.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Please make a copy for your personal records.**

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Competition Application

Division I
& Division II

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Voice Type _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Please select one:

_____ Division I (under 28 years of age on March 20, 2010)

_____ Division II (28 years of age or older on March 20, 2010)

Date of Birth _____

(Not required if auditioning for Division II)

Accompanist needed _____ Yes _____ No

I hereby certify that I am a U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen authorized to work in the U.S. I **have not** already performed a leading role* with an OPERA America Level I Company (annual budget greater than \$10 million) and the information provided is accurate as of the date listed below.

*Supporting and Comprimario roles acceptable

Signature _____ Date _____