PICCOLA OPERA presents

NH Opera Idol Competition - Sept. 26, 2020

Audition Process

Starting July 15, 2020, singers may submit their application by providing a resume, photo, aria list, and \$40.00 Registration Fee and mailing their packet to 497 Hooksett Road, #368, Manchester, NH 03104. The application deadline is August 15, 2020. Please note no application is complete without submitting all the above materials.

Preliminary Round

Preliminary Round: Singers will be required to submit videos of two opera arias - one in English. Judges will choose the 10 - 12 Finalists for the competition. The Final Round will be Sept. 26. 6:00 pm. This round will be offered LIVE on Facebook and will be held at The Founders Academy in Manchester, NH. Proper social distancing will be in effect, however, if singers so desire, they can submit another video recording for the Final Round in lieu of a live audition slot. Should the competition not be possible due to Covid-19, the Final Round will be rescheduled to a future date. All awards and contracts as currently stated will still be dispersed to the winners even if the competition is rescheduled to early 2021.

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Those singers who are selected to move onto the Final Round will be contacted with info and their audition time by August 22. **Finalists will perform one aria.** A professional accompanist will be provided for the Final live audition. If an applicant is late for their scheduled live Final audition, they will forfeit their spot in the competition. Finalists who submit their Final audition via video must supply the video selection by Sept. 19, 2020. **Former Prize Winners will not be allowed to audition and the age requirement is 18 years old.**

Cash Prizes: NH Opera Idol - 2020

First Prize: \$750.00 Second Prize: \$500.00 Third Prize: \$250.00

Audience Favorite Award: \$150.00

In addition to the awarded cash prizes, leading and supporting role contracts for the upcoming **Piccola Opera Summer Season of 2021** will be offered to selected Finalist Winners. Fully staged productions with orchestra will include: **Le Nozze di Figaro**; and **The Pirates of Penzance**, as well as other possible performance opportunities throughout the year.

This competition will be open to the first 40 contestants on a first come first basis. After we reach this number of participants, we will close the submissions to the competition.