February 4, 2014

**Vocal Competition Announcement**

The Dallas Opera Guild is honored to host the **26th Annual Vocal Competition** on **March 15, 2014** at the *Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House* located at 2403 Flora Street, Dallas Texas 75201. The Competition is open to classically trained singers between the ages of 18 and 30 who have a Texas connection: by birth, training or current residence.

Preliminary judging selected 21 applicants to participate as semi-finalists. These semi-finalists will compete in the *Margaret McDermott Performance Hall* in the *Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House*. The semi-finalists are as follows:

Erin Alcorn, Soprano

Cristina Bakhoum, Mezzo-Soprano

Christopher Besch, Bass-Baritone

Nicholas Brownlee, Bass-Baritone

Bille Bruley, Tenor

Natalie Cummings, Soprano

Rebekah Howell, Soprano

Moretta Irchirl, Mezzo-Soprano

Youna Jang, Soprano

Sooyeon Kang, Soprano

Jeawook Lee, Tenor

Natalie Logan, Soprano

Trevor Martin, Baritone

Audra Methvin, Soprano

Sarah Clementine Mire, Soprano

Chaazi Munyanya, Mezzo-Soprano

Said Henry Pressley, Bass-Baritone

Coretta Smith, Soprano

Reginald Smith, Jr., Baritone

Matthew Stump, Baritone

Brent Turner, Baritone

Semi-finals begin at 11:30 A.M.; finals at 7:30 P.M. By offering **free admission** to the event, the Competition enriches lovers of the arts through enhanced cultural opportunity, awareness, and access to a live performance in an acclaimed opera house. Come and enjoy the art of the aria and the exceptionally high level of musical and artistic achievement. Through the increased exposure the Competition provides, the Guild endeavors to build future audiences for the opera, as well as performance opportunities for the contestants. Through their achievements, contestants draw recognition to the quality of the vocal arts in Texas and/or the Texas universities at which they studied.

Vote for the singer of your choice through the *People’s Choice Award*. There will be boxes in the lobby with the name of your favorite finalist, just drop your ballot in!

Please support them by attending on **March 15**. **Free admission**. Parking is $5. Enjoy a day of exhilarating, gorgeous music. You won’t be disappointed!

Sincerely,



Sharon Bird Stupp, Chairman Ketty Fitzgerald, Co-Chair Don Jones, Contestant Chair

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