

7th INTERNATIONAL OPERA SINGING COMPETITION OF PORTOFINO

Competition Announcement

Portofino 20th – 25th July 2021



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The Associazione Musicale Giovanni Bottesini is pleased to announce the 7th edition of the International Opera Singing Competition in Portofino, with artistic direction by Francesco Daniel Donati and President of Jury M° Dominique Meyer.

The Competition will take place in Portofino (Genoa – Italy) from the 20th to 25th of July 2021.

Jury

- Dominique Meyer: Superintendent - **Teatro alla Scala in Milan** (Presidente di Giuria)
- Peter de Caluwe: General Director - **La Monnaie in Bruxelles**
- Sophie Joyce: Casting Director - **Opéra National de Paris**
- Sophie de Lint: Director - **Dutch National Opera & Ballet in Amsterdam**
- Claudio Orazi: Superintendent – **Teatro Carlo Felice in Genova**
- Gianni Tangucci: Artistic Coordinator – **Accademia del Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino**
Responsible for preselections of CLIP.
- Carolin Wielpütz: Casting Director - **Theater an der Wien**

In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Jury's vote will prevail. The Jury's decision is final.

Prizes

- *First Prize Francesco Brioschi Editore: € 8.000,00
- *Second Prize: € 4.000,00
- *Third Prize: € 2.000,00
- *Prize Best Under 25 Prize dedicated to Luca Targetti** : € 3.000,00

The prize money will be paid out via bank transfer within 60 days from the end of the competition's final, the organization does not pay bank charges asked by the bank of the candidate for the transfer.

Winners must be available to perform at a concert requested by the Associazione Bottesini that will be held within 12 months after the competition. Singers will not receive a cachet but the organization will pay for the

trip and stay.

** The Under 25 Prize is reserved exclusively to the candidates born after the 25th of July 1995 and it will be awarded to the best singer who is under 25 years of age who reaches at least the semi-final. If the winner does not get to the final, he/she will still be invited to perform at the final Concert that will take place in the square of Portofino on the 25th of July.

Special prizes

- Contracts with the theatres that are represented by the judges to be decided.
- Audience Award: a precious jewel offered by **Faraone gioielli**
- Mascarade Opera Studio Prize: a scholarship for the Mascarade Opera Studio that will take place in Firenze at the Palazzo Corsini al Prato for a finalist chosen by the Artistic Direction of CLIP and the Mascarade Opera Studio (accommodation and board are not included).
- Rapallo Opera Festival Award: a paid participation for some singers selected by Maestro Roberto Servile at the Rapallo Opera festival.

Hospitality

The finalists and the best Under 25 of the Competition will be accommodated for free in villas or apartments in Portofino for the nights of the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July, thanks to the kind cooperation of the Association Friends of CLIP. If this hospitality will not be possible due to the Covid-19, the organization will provide an expense reimbursement of 400 euros cash for each finalist.

Admission requirements

The competition is open to opera singers of all vocal registers and nationalities. Singers should be born between the 26th July 1990 and the 20th July 2003, therefore the competitors must be between 18 and 30 years old during the week of the Competition.

Registration

All candidates must send to the competition secretary's office by e-mail, no later than the 13th June 2021 these documents:

- the entry form
- a photocopy of Identity Card or passport
- a recent photography;
- a brief curriculum vitae (in Italian or English);
- 2 videos of performances showcasing opera arias. The videos must be uploaded on YouTube (no We transfer);
- A scanned copy of the receipt for the bank transfer of € 20 as a pre-selection fee. Any transmission costs must be paid by the entrant. Payment of this fee will validate the entry, and may be conducted by means of a bank transfer to the current account of the Associazione Musicale Giovanni Bottesini

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indicating " pre - selection fee CLIP 2021", followed by the name and surname of the candidate. If you prefer to pay via PayPal the fee is 21,00 euro and you can do it from the link DONAZIONE in the homepage of the website www.portofinoclip.it or www.associazionebottesini.com.

All the documents must be sent in digital format via email to iscrizioni@portofinoclip.it, no later than the 13th June 2021.

Pre-selections will be held by Maestro Gianni Tangucci and the Direction of the Competition. The organization will inform the candidates who have passed the pre-selection by mail. The candidates admitted to the competition must send proof of payment of the entry fee of 90 euros and the form with the 6 arias that they want to bring to the competition within 10 days from the communication. The bank transfer has to indicate entry fee CLIP 2021, followed by the name and surname of the candidate. If you prefer to pay via PayPal the fee is 94,50 euro and you can do it from the link DONAZIONE in the homepage of the website www.portofinoclip.it or www.associazionebottesini.com.

If these terms are not respected, the candidate will be excluded from the competition.

Entry Fee refund

In the case of cancellation of the competition due to the Covid - 19, the entry fee will be entirely refunded. Entry fee will be also refunded to the candidates who can't reach Italy because of the Covid – 19.

Programme

All candidates admitted must present 6 arias, taken from the opera repertoire, in their original language and complete with recitative and/or cabaletta, where provided for. The six arias must be in at least two different languages, and at least three must be in Italian. They must be performed from memory. Candidates admitted must bring with them all the vocal/piano arrangements of the pieces indicated in the programme presented.

The Associazione Bottesini will provide two pianists to accompany each candidate and it will not be possible to have a personal pianist.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to rehearse with the pianist, one hour before their audition.

The programme of CLIP:

Elimination Round: Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of July. Each candidate will perform an aria of their choice, and if required, another chosen by the Jury from those indicated in the programme presented, with a piano accompaniment.

Semi-final: Thursday 22nd of July. Each candidate will perform two arias chosen by the Jury from those included in the programme they presented and not already performed during the elimination round, with the accompaniment of a pianist.

Final: Friday 23rd of July at 5.00 p.m. (time to be confirmed) at the Teatro Sociale in Camogli (GE). Each candidate will perform with the accompaniment of a pianist two arias chosen by the Jury from the six indicated in the programme they presented. This performance will take place before an audience. At the end of the final the jury will vote, but the winners being announced after the concert on the 25th of July.

Rehearsal with the Orchestra: Saturday 24th the finalists will rehearse with the Orchestra of the Fondazione Carlo Felice at the Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa.

Concert of the finalists with Orchestra: Sunday 25th of July at 9.00 p.m. (time to be confirmed) there will be the concert by the finalists and the winner of the Under 25 Prize. The concert will be held in the Piazza of Portofino with the Orchestra of the Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa conducted by Maestro Sesto Quatrini. *If a singer refuses to participate at the concert he/she will lose the prize.*

Final points

Candidates waive any remuneration and authorize any free recordings and/or broadcasts made by public or private radio and television channels. Candidates must also guarantee their availability for any concerts that may be provided for following the competition.

Any decisions on matters not contemplated in these regulations will be taken by the Jury.