



SINFONIETTA BEL CANTO IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS 5th ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR VOICE



A Competition for Vocalists
Downers Grove, IL

Singers will compete in four categories

- I. Little Stars! (ages 13 & under) \$50 1st Place Award
II. Teen Stars (ages 14-18) \$100 1st Place Award
III. Collegiate Artists (ages 18-24) \$150 1st Place Award
IV. Emerging Artists (ages 25 & up) \$200 1st Place Award
All finalists eligible \$100 Audience Favorite

\$100 Audience Favorite also awarded at the Area Invitational Concert

On Sunday March 18th, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., up to three Little Stars! finalists and up to two finalists in the other categories will perform in the Sinfonietta Bel Canto (SBC) concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove. Little Stars! finalists will perform with piano accompaniment. Teen Stars, Collegiate Artists, and Emerging Artists finalists will perform with the SBC Orchestra led by Dan D'Andrea. During the concert, one winner will be chosen from each category; also, the audience will select their favorite performer. Each 1st place winner and the "Audience Favorite" will receive a monetary award as enumerated above.

THE SBC VOICE
AREA INVITATIONAL CONCERT

Select non-finalist competitors will be invited to perform with the SBC orchestra (Little Stars with piano) at a concert in the Fall of 2018. The selected performers will compete for an audience favorite award of \$100. Selected performers will be notified by July 1.

Application Process:

- 1. Entrants apply by mail. A completed application includes all signatures and a check or money order. Application postmark deadline is January 19, 2018
2. All entrants will be invited to a live audition on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Audition times will be emailed five days before audition date. An accompanist will be provided.
3. Up to two finalists from each category will be chosen to compete on the concert on March 18th at 3:00 p.m. We reserve the right to combine categories and/or increase number of finalists.
4. Finalists must be available to rehearse with the orchestra on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2017-2018 “The SBC Voice” Competition Rules

Application/Competition Rules

1. Open to singers of all ages. Singers will compete in one of four categories; all ages are by the date of the final concert:
 - I. Little Stars! (13 and under),
 - II. Teen Stars (ages 14-18)
 - III. Collegiate Artists (18-24)
 - IV. Emerging Artists (25 and up)All finalists are invited to compete in a **live final round**. *Little Stars!* finalists will perform with piano, and categories II, III, and IV finalists will perform with SBC orchestra.
2. Entries must be postmarked **by January 19, 2018**. Entries accepted by U.S. mail to SBC Voice, 920 Curtiss Street #272, Downers Grove, IL 60515.
3. **Entrants must select repertoire from approved lists and guidelines, and it must be in the same key as the orchestra parts.** The approved repertoire list for *Little Stars!* is on the SBC website, www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org. *Teen Stars*, *Collegiate Artists* and *Emerging Artists* can select any classical repertoire with orchestral accompaniments available through **Luck’s Music Library**, www.lucksmusic.com, that complies with the SBC guidelines as shown on the SBC website. **Music must be for purchase only.**
4. **Before applying**, entrants should consult the repertoire guidelines on the SBC website. Please email Angela Korbitz at apkorbitz@hotmail.com, if you have questions about repertoire. **Entrants will be disqualified if approved repertoire, in orchestral key, is not chosen.**
5. Entries must include the following items: (incomplete entries are automatically disqualified)
 - Fully completed entry form. **(use current form)**
 - \$30 entry fee in form of a check payable to Sinfonietta Bel Canto
 - A printed, portrait-style photo or headshot. This does not need to be professional.
6. Entry fees are non-refundable.
7. Finalists must be available to rehearse with SBC on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 18th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the concert.

8. Results will be emailed in 2 weeks. If you would like a copy of the judges’ comments, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application.
9. Finalists will be contacted via email approximately one month before the concert with the final round rehearsal schedule.

Audition Rules

1. Singers must sing from memory.
2. Singers should select one (1) approved piece, as described previously. **If selected for finals, singers must perform her/his same audition piece as in the first round, and it must be in the same key as the orchestra parts.** Repertoire should not exceed 6 minutes in length.
3. Singers will be judged using the following criteria: Tone/Technique, Accuracy, Interpretation, Diction, and Stage Presence.
4. Singers must provide three (3) copies of the music (one of which should be an original), **with all measures numbered**, to the judges at the audition. **Failure to bring copies with measures numbered will disqualify contestant.**
5. Singers must also provide clear, double-sided sheet music in a binder for the provided accompanist. **This is in addition to the three judges’ copies.** Contestants may provide their own accompanist if desired.
6. Contestants will be assigned a time between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter Street, in Downers Grove, IL 60515. Times are not negotiable.
7. First-round auditions are not open to the public.
8. No flash photography at rehearsals or at performances.
9. The judges’ decisions are final.

2017-2018 "The SBC Voice" Entry Form

Applicant Information:

Name: _____
(Printed or typed CLEARLY for program booklet)

Competition Category _____ Voice Type _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

School/College: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Information: (if under 18 years of age)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Private Teacher Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Repertoire:

Title _____ Composer _____

Opera _____ Editor (if applicable) _____ Key _____ Length _____

REQUIRED: By signing this form, you agree to allow SBC to use the information on this form and your image and its likeness in print, broadcast, web advertising, in the concert program, and any other PR purposes.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if entrant is under age 18):

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Relationship to entrant: _____ Date _____

Send the application materials, \$30 check (made out to Sinfonietta Bel Canto), entry form, & photo to:

The SBC Voice, 920 Curtiss Street #272, Downers Grove, IL 60515

(For judges' comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Otherwise, judge(s) comments will not be sent out.)