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NEWSLETTER

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2014 was a year to remember!

We start the new year and this newsletter by expressing our profound gratitude for all the support we received in 2014. Thanks to the kindness of friends like **Shahin Mafi**, we celebrated our first anniversary in great style at her residence last May. In June, **Isin Ludlow** hosted our potluck dinner and opera quiz poolside at her home. The **Mehlers'** house was the site of the lecture by **Sorab Modi** and **Colleen Fay** in September to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Richard Strauss. The year culminated with our **Second Vocal Awards Competition** in October. Once again, thanks to the generosity of our members, not only were the three first prizes donated but also several members contributed to the encouragement awards given to the other finalists (please see pages 3 and 5 for the names of the winners and donors). Representatives of **PARTNERS'** partners—**Maryland Lyric Opera**, **the National Philharmonic at Strathmore**, **UrbanArias**, and **Washington Concert Opera**—and of the **American Wagner Project** and **Washington National Opera** judged the singers in the competition. **Frank Conlon** was the accompanist for both rounds of the competition. **There are not words enough to thank the many people who enabled all this to happen.**

2015 has just begun and **PARTNERS** want to move forward with our mission on a firm financial footing. It is our members' steadfast support that will provide us with this strong foundation. This year, we hope to increase the prizes awarded in the vocal competition and to give again an encouragement award to those finalists who do not win one of the top three prizes. **Your dedication as a member will make these goals become realities.** (A membership form is enclosed.)

Exciting programs are planned. Please watch your mail for details of the following events and join us for as many of them as you can:

March: 2nd Anniversary Celebration
April: *I Due Foscari*-cocktail preview
May: **PARTNERS'** trip to Spain
June: Potluck dinner
September: *Rienzi*-a lecture
October: 3rd Vocal Competition

Together, we can make great things happen. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and commitment to **PARTNERS**.

PARTNERS for the Arts encourage and promote the careers of emerging vocal artists not under professional management, interact with arts organizations and schools of music in mutually beneficial activities, and nurture audience development.

STRAUSS LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS



VOCAL AWARDS COMPETITION



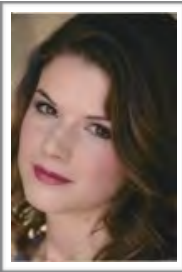
Thanks to the generosity of the following members, we were able to give an encouragement award to the finalists who did not win one of the top three prizes.

Rachel Abraham
Jean Arnold
Marvin Burge
Elizabeth Crompton
Michael Daniels
Freda Facey

Thomas Helinski
Traudel Lange
Anne McLean
Venice Molivadas
Antonio Monroig
Bill & Cathy Pastor

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Eva Salmoiraghi
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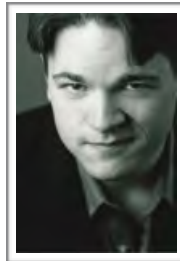
FINALISTS



Soprano
Grace Gilday



Baritone
Andrew Pardini



Tenor
Brendan Sliger



Tenor
Brent Turner



Soprano
Callie Wohletz

Thank you **PARTNERS' PARTNERS**

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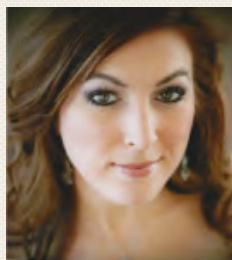
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You made it possible! Our most sincere THANK YOU!**

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PARTNERS' VOCAL COMPETITION FIRST PRIZEWINNER

Soprano Jennifer Cherest



First prize—\$2,500
The Misbin Family
Memorial Award

Judges of the Final Round of the Competition



Dr. Stan Engebretson
Artistic director of the
National Philharmonic
Chorale



Dr. Henriette Lund
Artistic director of
Maryland Lyric
Opera



**Maestro
Robert Wood**
Executive and
artistic director
of UrbanArias

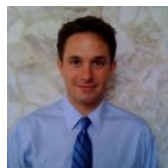
Judges of the Semifinal Round of the Competition

SECOND PRIZEWINNER

Soprano Emily Casey



Second prize—\$1,500
The Vincent P. Walter, Jr.
Memorial Award



Andrew Jorgensen
Director of artistic
planning for Washington
National Opera



**Maestro
John E. Niles**
Program director
of the American
Wagner Project



**Maestro
Bruce Stasyna**
Chorus master
of Washington
Concert Opera

THIRD PRIZEWINNER

Baritone Joseph Chee



Third prize—\$750
The Holly Bianchi
Memorial Award



BARCELONA and VALENCIA BECKON!

Join us for a jaunt to sunny Spain!

It is not too late to sign up for **PARTNERS'** trip to
Barcelona and Valencia from May 2 - 11, 2015.
Highlights include hearing Placido Domingo in *I Due
Foscari*, Martha Argerich, *Nabucco*, and the
Orquesta de Valencia.

For details and a reservation form, please visit our web
site: partners4thearts.org or contact
Audrey Pendergast at apenderg8@aol.com
or 703/356-8265.

PARTNERS' PARTNERS PRODUCTIONS—2015



Baltimore Concert Opera

Feb. 27, Mar. 1

This Little Light of Mine

May 1, 3 *Lakmé*

baltimoreconcertopera.com



Lyric Opera Baltimore

Program to be announced

lyricoperahouse.com

OPERA DELAWARE

Opera Delaware

Feb. 13 *Love and Death*

Feb. 20, 22

This Little Light of Mine

May 8, 16 *Lakmé*

May 9, 15, 17

La Tragédie de Carmen

May 13, 16

Wine, Women, and Food in Song!

operade.org



Opera Lafayette

Feb. 24

A Wink at the Past, Chamber

Music of Handel and Bach

May 30 *L'Épreuve Villageoise*

operalafayette.org



Maryland Lyric Opera

July 18, 19, 24, and 26

Roméo et Juliette

marylandlyricopera.org



Urban Arias

Jan. 31, Feb. 1

Blue Viola Workshop

Feb. 21, 27, and 28

The Whole Truth - World

premiere Urban Arias commission

Mar. 20-29 *Blue Viola*

urbanarias.org



Virginia Opera

Feb. 14-15 *Salome*

Mar. 21-22 *La Traviata*

vaopera.org



Washington Concert

Opera Mar. 1 *Guntram*

concertopera.org



The National Philharmonic at Strathmore

Feb. 8

10th Anniversary Concert:

Beethoven's 9th Symphony

featuring **PARTNERS' 2013**

First Prizewinner baritone

Norman Garrett

For more of their extensive

season, please visit

nationalphilharmonic.org



Bulgarian Music Society

April 17 *Opera Gala with*

Prizewinners of PARTNERS'

2nd Vocal Awards

Competition

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