

National Association of Teachers of Singing

2022





47th Artist Awards Competition

Friday, January 7, 2022 * 7:30 p.m.

Neidorff-Karpati Hall * Manhattan School of Music * New York City

2022 NATS ARTIST AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE

More than \$13,000 in cash and prizes

\$5,000 cash, a New York Solo Debut in a major choral work with orchestra and chorus sponsored by Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY), and a featured performance at the 2022 NATS National Conference in Chicago, IL. Winner will also receive a \$4,000 scholarship to attend the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria, plus a \$1,000 gift certificate from Hal Leonard Corporation.

SECOND PRIZE

More than \$6,000 in cash and prizes

Second prize winner will receive \$4,000 cash, a \$2,000 scholarship to attend AIMS in Graz, Austria, and a \$500 gift certificate from Hal Leonard Corporation.









NATS Foundation Prizes Awarded to Remaining Finalists and Semifinalists

NATS greatly appreciates the efforts of AIMS, DCINY, Hal Leonard Corporation and the NATS Foundation in providing prizes for the NATS Artist Award Competition.

Irma Cooper Award Herald Stark Award Mary Wolfman Award Berton Coffin Award Todd Duncan Award Louis T. Nicholas Award Irvin Bushman Award Ed Baird/Bruce Lunkley Award

Foundation Heritage Fund of the NATS Endowment Annemarie Gerts Award Lee Cass Award William Vennard Award Bernard Taylor Award Dorothy Kirsten/ James Browning Award for the Singer with the Most Potential

Adjudicators for the Semifinal Round

See insert for names

Adjudicators for the Final Round

See insert for names

NATSAA 2022 Collaborative Pianists

Mory Ortman Michael Fennelly Eric Sedgwick James Myers Jason Wirth

Michael McAndrew Daniel Anastasio Bill Lewis Pei-Wen Chen Barbara Noyes

2022 NATSAA Competition Team

Robert Wells, NATS Vice President for Auditions Mark McQuade, NATS National Coordinator for Competitions and Auditions

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2022 NATSAA SEMIFINALISTS



Cal-Western: **Joel Balzun** (Fullerton, CA)



Central: **Stephanie Chiodras** (Champaign, IL)



Eastern: **Alan Cline** (Wheeling, WV)



Great Lakes: **Marissa Howard** (Chicago, IL)



Mid-Atlantic: **Marie Marquis** (*Germantown, MD*)



Mid-South: **Sydney Carbo** (Lexington, KY)



New England: **Mary Letellier** (Gorham, ME)



North Central: **Jiyeon Hwang** (*Minneapolis, MN*)



Northwestern: **Ashley Biehl** (Seattle, WA)



Southeastern: **Mariya Kaganskaya** (*Gainseville, FL*)



Southern: **Eunchong Kang** (Baton Rouge, LA)



Texoma: Jacquelyn Matava (San Antonio, TX)



West Central: Claire McCahan (Boulder, CO)



At-Large Region: **Laura Nielsen** (London, Ontario, Canada)

NATSAA AWARD WINNERS

1955	Richard Rivers	1971	Paul Benningfield	1993	Elizabeth Smith
1956	Alice Riley	1972	Linda Zoghby	1995	Norah Amsellen
1957	Beth Ann Hood	1973	Margaret Eaves	1996	Lynda Keith McKnight
1958	Calvin Dash	1974	Cynthia Karnstadt	1998	Debra Wilkie
1959	Barbara Faulkner	1976	Peggy Pruett	2000	Vanessa Salaz
1960	Kay Griffel	1978	Jo Ann Pickens	2002	Kara Gugenmos
1961	Teresa Omanates	1980	Jonathon Mack	2004	Marcia Porter
1962	Robert Hale	1981	Andrea Matthews	2006	Danielle Talamantes
1963	Sylvia Friedrich	1983	Karen Smith	2008	Courtney Huffman
1964	No Award	1984	Wendy Hillhouse	2010	Thomas Florio
1966	Marilyn Burris	1986	Debra Kay Fitzgibbon	2012	Andrew Garland
1967	Linda Matousek	1987	Bonita Hyman	2014	Melissa Wimbish
1968	Rose Wild	1989	Lauren Wagner	2016	Rachel Schutz
1969	Kathleen Mott	1990	Stephen Morscheck	2018	André Chiang
1970	William Parker	1992	Lorie Gratis	2020	Matt Hill

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NATS Artist Awards (NATSAA)

Information on 2024 NATSAA available this spring

The NATSAA semifinals and finals take place in New York City during the NATS Winter Workshop in early January. NATS is honored to be able to present this biennial showcase of emerging talent to a wide audience of leading professionals in our industry.

Complete information on the 2024 NATSAA Competition will be available in Spring 2022 and will be sent to all NATS members. Regional auditions will be held in the fall of 2023. For further information, please visit our website at www.nats.org, watch for information in the *Inter Nos* newsletter, or contact the NATS National Office at info@nats.org or 904.992.9101.

NATS Singer of the Year and Artist Awards

The first NATS Singer of the Year Competition was held at the 1955 NATS Convention in Chicago with Richard Rivers declared the winner. He received a prize of \$500 and auditions with the Metropolitan Opera, the San Francisco Opera and the Chicago Lyric Opera.

Throughout its history, the purpose of this competition has been to select, through a series of elimination rounds on the district, regional and national levels, singers whose artistry indicates that they are ready for a professional career and to encourage them toward that goal with a cash prize and the opportunity for performance engagements.

By 1968, it had become apparent that the number of accomplishments of the contestants had reached the level that recognition of more than one winner was appropriate. Accordingly, the name of the competition was changed to the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards. For 16 years, two or three prizes were awarded. Multiple awards were awarded beginning in 1986.

A significant trend was established in 1984 with the endowment of the Mary Wolfman Award. Since that year, 12 additional prizes have been endowed through the NATS Foundation. Since 1989, all 14 semifinalists have received an award. The American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz offered a scholarship to the first-place winner for many years. AIMS now offers scholarships to both the first and second place winners.

In 2002, MidAmerica Productions changed the prize from an appearance at Carnegie Hall to a New York Solo Recital Debut in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. In 2010, Distinguished Concerts International New York took over sponsorship of the NATS Artist Awards performance prize.