

*2012 Eighteenth Annual
Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition
for Michigan High School Students*

Sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society,
Clinton Township, MI, and the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation

Entry Form
(Please type or print)

School: _____
(Name/address/phone number)

(Name of student's High School Music Teacher)

Student's Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Student's brief biographical sketch: _____

Vocal Selections: (1) _____
(Title) (Composer)

(2) _____
(Title) (Composer)

I do hereby certify that the voice recording submitted herewith is my own voice and that I have never performed professionally. I hereby authorize the unrestricted use of the enclosed recording by the sponsors as set forth in the rules of the competition and I acknowledge that the enclosed audiotape or CD becomes the property of the sponsors and will not be returned.

(Student's signature)

(Parent/ Legal Guardian's signature if student is under age eighteen years)

Please mail this completed form together with the school's cover letter signed by the Principal, the cassette audio tape or CD and a \$25.00 entry fee check made payable to: Verdi Opera Theatre/H.S. Vocal Competition, to the following address:

Mr. John Zaretti, Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, P.O Box 871592, Canton, MI 48187

E-mail: verdiopera@comcast.net • (734) 552-4236

Thank you for participating, and good luck!!

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PRIZES:

First prize	\$1,000	Third prize	\$200
Second prize	\$300	Fourth to tenth prizes	\$50

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The competition is open to all full time students between the ages of 15 and 19 currently attending High School in the state of Michigan. Candidates cannot have previously performed as a professional artist.
2. Selection of the finalists for the competition will be completed in early March 2012. All participants will be notified of results in writing by March 26, 2012. The final competition will be in the form of a live concert, with piano accompaniment, to be held at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd. Clinton Twp, MI 48038 (Phone: 586-228-3030) on **Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**
3. **Candidates must submit a cassette audiotape or a CD of their singing two different Italian classical songs or opera arias of their choice. The tape or CD must be accompanied by a completed entry form, a check for the entry fee and a letter, on the High School's letterhead, signed by the school's Principal, stating that the candidate is a full time student in good standing at that school, that the recording on the tape or CD is the candidate's own singing and that – having read the rules of the competition – the candidate assumes all the responsibility connected with his/her participation in this competition.**
4. The entry fee to participate in the competition is \$25.00 payable by check made out to "Verdi Opera/H.S. Vocal Competition." The completed application together with the letter form the school's Principal, the entry fee check and the cassette audiotape or CD must be sent to: Mr. John Zaretti, The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, High School Vocal Competition, P.O. Box 871592 , Canton, MI 48187. Telephone: Mr. John Zaretti (734) 552-4236, or e-mail: verdiopera@comcast.net. **Entries must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2012.** There is no limit to the number of participants in the competition from each high school. The entry tapes or CD's become property of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and may be used at the Verdi Opera's discretion. There will be no refund of the entry fee nor will the tapes or CD's be returned.
5. Appointed Judges will select ten (10) finalists from an audition of the tapes or CD's received. **(Please submit good quality recordings).** The finalists will be invited and must agree to perform in the final concert competition (Concert of the Finalists) to be held before a live audience at the Italian Cultural and Community Center. At the final concert each finalist will be required to sing live, on stage, the two selections previously submitted on tape or CD. No prize will be awarded to any selected finalist who does not participate in the concert.
6. Candidates may choose any classical song or opera aria in the vast repertoire of Italian music spanning from Renaissance times to the present **(See attached sample lists of songs or arias submitted and performed by students in the annals of our competition).** The songs and arias must be sung in Italian and at the final concert must be sung from memory. A professional piano accompanist will be available, upon request, for a \$50.00 fee. **Finalists are required to submit in advance their music in the proper key for the accompanist or may choose to bring their own piano accompanist, at their own expense.**
7. The order of appearance of the competitors at the final CD concert will be established by a random drawing of numbers assigned to each competitor. Competitors will be informed about their starting order in the concert on the day of the final.
8. Winners will be announced and the prizes will be awarded at the end of the Concert of The Finalists.
9. The judges nominated for the final concert will select from the ten finalists the order of finish for the first, second, and third prize winners. The decisions of the Judges are final.
10. Good luck to all. Most important, have fun and enjoy the music making!!