



Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

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Dear Vocal Music Teacher:

We are pleased to inform you once again of the exciting event organized by The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the Italian American Cultural Society: the eighteenth Annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students."

Our aim is to encourage and help develop young amateur vocal talent and to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. Ten finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape or CD auditions of each contestant's singing, submitted through their respective high schools. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Each of the ten finalists will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience. In addition, the names of the finalists and their schools will be printed in The Italian American newspaper as well as in other publications.

Please download a copy of the rules and the entry form for the contest at www.verdioperatheatre.com. Also available is a collage of newspaper articles and photos of contestants from our previous competitions. We suggest that this collage-sheet be placed on a prominent bulletin board for the students to see.

We urge you to bring this exciting news to the attention of your students and we look forward to receiving your school's entries.

For any questions or additional information you may require, please contact Mr. John Zaretti at 734-552-4236, or e-mail at verdiopera@comcast.net.

We wish good luck to all the participants and, most of all, enjoy the music-making.

Arrivederci!

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