



QUEEN SONJA
SINGING
COMPETITION

VOICES OF THE WORLD



OPERA ENGAGEMENTS 2025–2026

QSSC PARTICIPANTS

21 OPERA HOUSES

86 PARTICIPANTS FROM 34 NATIONS

119 ROLE ENGAGEMENTS

"We should all feel proud that through this competition, Norway has a place on the international map of opera."

Lise Davidsen (First Prize winner 2015)



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DUTCH NATIONAL OPERA, AMSTERDAM



Jasmin White (contralto, USA)
First Prize winner 2023

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)
Semi-finalist 2019



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GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU, BARCELONA



Milan Perišić (baritone, Serbia)

Participant 2023

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)

Participant 2019

Filipe Manu (tenor, New Zealand/Tonga)

Participant 2023

Lise Davidsen (soprano, Norway)

First Prize winner 2015

Jacquelyn Wagner (soprano, USA)

Second Prize winner 2009



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DEUTSCHE OPER, BERLIN



Maria Motolygina (soprano, Russia)

First Prize winner 2021

Navasard Hakobyan (baritone, Armenia)

Finalist Prize winner 2023

Annika Schlicht (mezzo-soprano, Germany)

Participant 2017

Felicia Moore (soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2019

Julia Muzychenko (soprano, Russia)

Semi-finalist 2019



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STAATSOPER UNTER DEN LINDEN, BERLIN



Siyabonga Maqungo (tenor, South Africa)

Semi-finalist 2017

Ekaterina Chayka-Rubinstein (mezzo-soprano, Germany)

Participant 2023

Sandra Laagus (mezzo-soprano, Estonia)

Participant 2025

Friedrich Hamel (bass, Germany)

Participant 2023

Rebecka Wallroth (mezzo-soprano, Sweden)

Finalist Prize winner 2023

Slávka Zámečnicková (soprano, Slovakia)

Participant 2017

Elsa Dreisig (soprano, Denmark/France)

Second Prize winner 2015

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)

Participant 2019



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DET KONGELIGE TEATER, COPENHAGEN



Granit Musliu (tenor, Kosovo)

Participant 2025

Galeano Salas (tenor, Mexico)

Semi-finalist 2017

Lise Davidsen (soprano, Norway)

First Prize winner 2015



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SEMPEROPER DRESDEN



Vladyslav Buialskyi (bass-baritone, Ukraine)

Finalist Prize winner 2025

Maire Therese Carmack (mezzo-soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2025

Natasha Gesto (soprano, Australia)

Participant 2025

Gabriel Rollinson (baritone, Germany)

Participant 2023

Ekaterina Chayka-Rubinstein (mezzo-soprano, Germany)

Participant 2023

Victoria Randem (soprano, Norway)

Winner of the Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship 2023

Brent Michael Smith (bass, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Danylo Matviienko (baritone, Ukraine)

Participant 2021

Aleksei Kulagin (bass, Russia)

Participant 2021

Michal Doron (mezzo-soprano, Israel)

Participant 2021

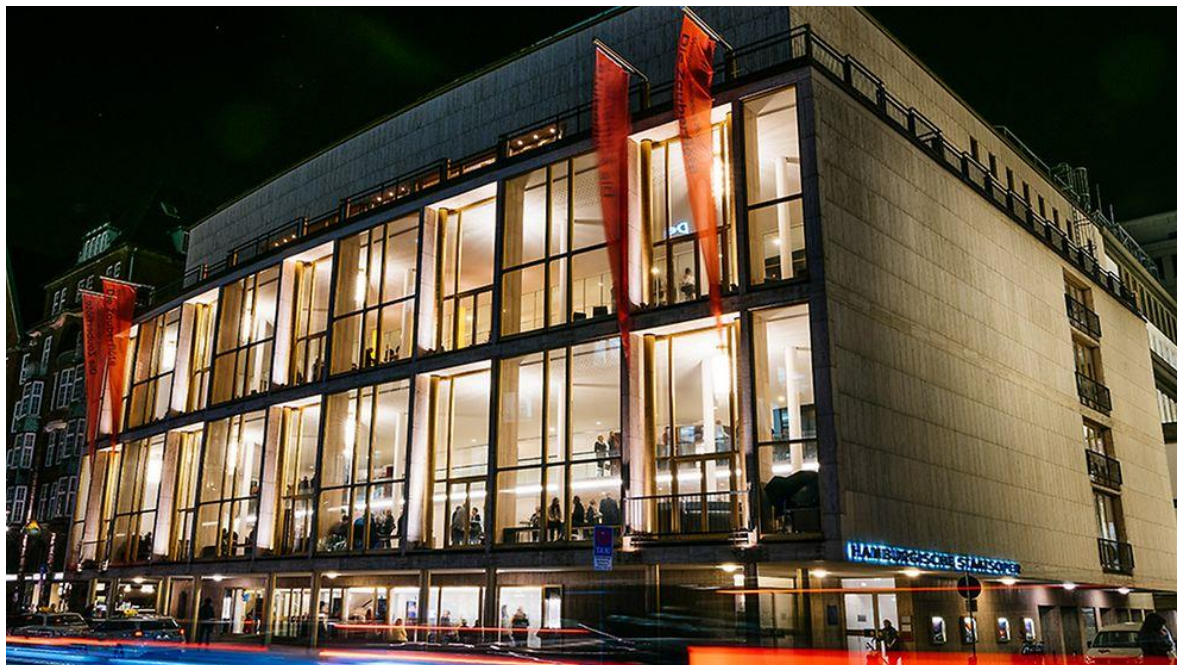
Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2019



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STAATSOPER HAMBURG



Granit Musliu (tenor, Kosovo)

Participant 2025

Liv Redpath (soprano, USA)

Winner of the Lied Prize 2021

Michal Doron (mezzo-soprano, Israel)

Participant 2021

Chao Deng (bass-baritone, China)

Participant 2019

Alexander Roslavets (bass, Belarus)

Third Prize winner 2017

Tigran Martirosian (bass, Armenia)

Second Prize winner 1995



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STAATSOPER HANNOVER



Chanhee Cho (bass, South Korea)

Participant 2021



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ROYAL BALLET & OPERA, LONDON



Hannah Edmunds (soprano, Norway)

Finalist Prize winner and Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship 2025

Xiaomeng Zhang (baritone, China)

Participant 2021

Giovanni Sala (tenor, Italy)

Second Prize winner 2017

Alexander Roslavets (bass, Belarus)

Third Prize winner 2017

Kate Howden (mezzo-soprano, Australia)

Participant 2017



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LOS ANGELES OPERA



Meridian Prall (mezzo-soprano, USA)
Second Prize winner 2025

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)
Finalist Prize winner 2009



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LUZERNER THEATRE, LUCERNE



Vladyslav Tlushch (baritone, Ukraine)

Finalist Prize winner 2023

Luca Bernard (tenor, Switzerland)

Participant 2023

Josy Santos (mezzo-soprano, Brazil)

Semi-finalist 2019

Valentina Stadler (mezzo-soprano, Germany)

Participant 2017



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TEATRO ALLA SCALA, MILANO



Kathleen O'Mara (soprano, USA)

First Prize winner 2025

Freya Apffelstaedt (contralto, Germany)

Participant 2023

Laura Lolita Perešivana (soprano, Latvia)

Participant 2023

Ekaterina Sannikova (soprano, Russia)

Participant 2021

Alexander Roslavets (bass, Belarus)

Third Prize winner 2017

Siyabonga Maqungo (tenor, South Africa)

Semi-finalist 2017

Slávka Zámečnicková (soprano, Slovakia)

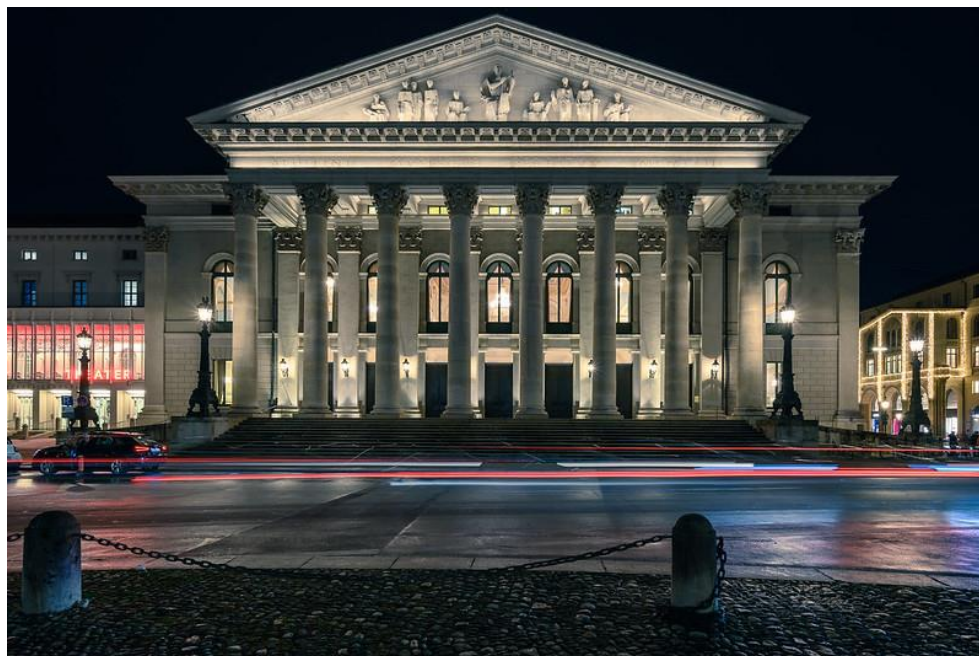
Participant 2017

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2009



BAYERISCHE STAATSOPER, MUNICH



Paweł Horodyski (bass, Poland)

Third Prize winner 2025

Eirin Rognerud (soprano, Norway)

Semi-finalist 2025

Granit Musliu (tenor, Kosovo)

Participant 2025

Erika Baikoff (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Yajie Zhang (mezzo-soprano, China)

Participant 2021

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2019

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)

Participant 2019

Mirjam Mesak (soprano, Estonia)

Participant 2019

Kang Wang (tenor, Australia)

Semi-finalist 2017

Milan Siljanov (bass-baritone, Switzerland)

Participant 2017

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2009



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THE METROPOLITAN OPERA, NEW YORK



Nils Wanderer (countertenor, Germany)

Third Prize winner 2023

Siphokazi Molteno (mezzo-soprano, South Africa)

Participant 2023

Beate Mordal (soprano, Norway)

Participant 2019

Kang Wang (tenor, Australia)

Semi-finalist 2017

Lise Davidsen (soprano, Norway)

First Prize winner 2015

Kristina Mkhitarian (soprano, Russia)

First Prize winner 2013

Brandon Cedel (bass-baritone, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2013

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2009



THE NORWEGIAN OPERA & BALLET, OSLO



Eirin Rognerud (soprano, Norway)

Semi-finalist 2025

Markus Bjørlykke (tenor, Norway)

Participant 2025

Lydia Hoen Tjore (soprano, Norway)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Astrid Nordstad (mezzo-soprano, Norway)

Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship 2019

Lilly Jørstad (soprano, Norway)

Participant 2017

Adrian Angelico (mezzo-soprano, Norway)

Finalist Prize winner 2009

Yngve Søberg (baritone, Norway)

Semi-finalist 2009

Lucia Cervoni (mezzo-soprano, Canada)

Semi-finalist 2009

Audun Iversen (baritone, Norway)

First Prize winner 2007

Marita Sølberg (soprano, Norway)

First Prize winner 2001



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OPÉRA NATIONAL DE PARIS



Amin Ahangaran (bass, Iran)

Participant 2025

Xiaomeng Zhang (baritone, China)

Participant 2021

Jessica Faselt (soprano, USA)

Participant 2019



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COMPETITION

THÉÂTRE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS



Erika Baikoff (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Milan Siljanov (bass-baritone, Switzerland)

Participant 2017

Mélissa Petit (soprano, France)

Third Prize winner 2013



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NATIONAL THEATRE, PRAGUE



Rebecka Wallroth (mezzo-soprano, Sweden)

Finalist Prize winner 2023

Bror Magnus Tødenes (tenor, Norway)

Participant 2021

Lada Bočková (soprano, Czech Republic)

Participant 2019

Vera Talerko (soprano, Lithuania)

Participant 2019



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MUSIKTHEATER AN DER WIEN, VIENNA



Erika Baikoff (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Leon Košavić (baritone, Croatia)

Finalist Prize winner 2015

Mélissa Petit (soprano, France)

Third Prize winner 2013



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WIENER STAATSOPER, VIENNA



Filipe Manu (tenor, New Zealand/Tonga)

Participant 2023

Maria Motolygina (soprano, Russia)

First Prize winner 2021

Stefan Astakhov (baritone, Germany)

Second Prize winner 2019

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2019

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)

Participant 2019

Slávka Zámečnicková (soprano, Slovakia)

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Second Prize winner 2015

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First Prize winner 2013

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2009



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OPERNHAUS ZÜRICH



Marie Lombard (soprano, France)

Participant 2025

Amin Ahangaran (bass, Iran)

Participant 2025

Aksel Daveyan (baritone, Armenia)

Second Prize winner 2023

Felix Gygli (baritone, Switzerland)

Winner of the Lied Prize 2023

Brent Michael Smith (bass, USA)

Finalist Prize winner 2021

Yajie Zhang (mezzo-soprano, China)

Participant 2021

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)

Semi-finalist 2019

In-Sung Sim (bass, South Korea)

Third Prize winner 2005



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