QUEEN SONJA
SINGING
COMPETITION

VOICES OF THE WORLD



OPERA ENGAGEMENTS
2026–2027 SEASON

238 ROLE ENGAGEMENTS
83 PARTICIPANTS FROM 33 NATIONS
20 OPERA HOUSES

SINGERS OF THE COMPETITION

2025 COMPETITION

Kathleen O'Mara (soprano, USA) First Prize winner	Los Angeles Opera Santa Fe Opera
Meridian Prall (mezzo-soprano, USA) Second Prize winner	Los Angeles Opera The Metropolitan Opera, New York
Paweł Horodyski (bass, Poland) Third Prize winner	Royal Opera House, London Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Hannah Edmunds (soprano, Norway) Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship and Finalist Prize winner	Royal Opera House, London
Vladyslav Buialskyi (bass-baritone, Ukraine) Finalist Prize winner	The Metropolitan Opera, New York Semperoper Dresden Opernhaus Zürich
Maire Therese Carmack (mezzo-soprano, USA)	The Metropolitan Opera, New York Semperoper Dresden
Eirin Rognerud (soprano, Norway)	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Ekaterine Buachidze (mezzo-soprano, Georgia)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Hedvig Haugerud (soprano, Norway)	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet
Granit Musliu (tenor, Kosovo)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Sophie Salvesani (soprano, Australia)	Deutsche Oper Berlin
Sandra Laagus (mezzo-soprano, Estonia)	Staatsoper Unter den Linden
Natasha Gesto (soprano, Australia)	Semperoper Dresden

Cumhur Görgün (bass, Turkey)	Glyndebourne
Ryan Vaughan Davies (tenor, United Kingdom)	Royal Opera House, London
Martina Myskohlid (mezzo-soprano, Canada)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Markus Bjørlykke (tenor, Norway)	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet
Amin Ahangaran (bass, Iran)	Opéra national de Paris

2023 COMPETITION

Jasmin White (contralto, USA) First Prize winner	Dutch National Opera
Aksel Daveyan (baritone, Armenia) Second Prize winner	Opernhhaus Zürich
Rebecka Wallroth (mezzo-soprano, Sweden) Finalist Prize winner	Staatsoper Unter den Linden
Vladyslav Tlushch (baritone, Ukraine) Finalist Prize winner	Luzerner Theater Opernhaus Zürich
Navasard Hakobyan (baritone, Armenia) Finalist Prize winner	Théâtre des Champs-Élysées
Milan Periši (baritone, Serbia)	Gran Teatre del liceu
Gabriel Rollinson (baritone, Germany)	Gran Teatre del liceu
Ann-Kathrin Niemczyk (soprano, Germany)	Deutsche Oper Berlin
Friedrich Hamel (bass, Germany)	Staatsoper Unter den Linden
Ekaterina Chayka-Rubinstein (mezzo-soprano, Germany)	Semperoper Dresden

Lila Dufy (soprano, France)	Royal Opera House, London Théâtre des Champs-Élysées
Elisa Sunshine (soprano, USA)	Santa Fe Opera
Luca Bernard (tenor, Switzerland)	Semperoper Dresden
Freya Apffelstaedt (contralto, Germany)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Victoria Randem (soprano, Norway) Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet
Filipe Manu (tenor, Tonga/New Zealand)	Wiener Staatsoper

2021 COMPETITION

Inna Demenkova (soprano, Russia) Third Prize winner	The Metropolitan Opera, New York
Erika Baikoff (soprano, USA) Finalist Prize winner	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Brent Michael Smith (bass, USA) Finalist Prize winner	Opernhaus Zürich
Liv Redpath (soprano, USA) Lied Prize winner	Musiktheater an der Wien Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich The Metropolitan Opera, New York Opernhaus Zürich Staatsoper Hamburg
Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen (countertenor, USA)	Dutch National Opera Théâtre des Champs-Élysées Musiktheater an der Wien
Martina Russomanno (soprano, Italy)	Deutsche Oper Berlin Opernhaus Zürich
Danylo Matviienko (baritone, Ukraine)	Semperoper Dresden
Aleksei Kulagin (bass, Russia)	Semperoper Dresden

Michal Doron (mezzo-soprano, Israel)	Semperoper Dresden
Hongni Wu (mezzo-soprano, China)	Glyndebourne
Ossian Huskinson (bass-baritone, United Kingdom)	Royal Opera House, London
Katia Ledoux (mezzo-soprano, France)	Royal Opera House, London
Xiaomeng Chang (baritone, China)	Opernhaus Zürich Teatro alla Scala
Yajie Zhang (mezzo-soprano, China)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Sandra Hamaoui (soprano, France)	Wiener Staatsoper Opernhaus Zürich Opéra national de Paris
Ekaterina Sannikova (soprano, Russia)	Opéra national de Paris

2019 COMPETITION

Stefan Astakhov (baritone, Germany) Second Prize winner	Théâtre des Champs-Élysées
Meigui Zhang (soprano, China) Finalist Prize winner	Glyndebourne
Natalia Tanasii (soprano, Moldova) Finalist Prize winner	Staatsoper Hamburg
Astrid Nordstad (mezzo-soprano, Norway) Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet
Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)	Deutsche Oper Berlin Wiener Staatsoper Royal Opera House, London Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich The Metropolitan Opera, New York

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)	Deutsche Oper Berlin Wiener Staatsoper Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich Gran Teatre del liceu
Chao Deng (bass-baritone, China)	Staatsoper Hamburg
Mirjam Mesak (soprano, Estonia)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich Santa Fe Opera
Beate Mordal (soprano, Norway)	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet
Jessica Faselt (soprano, USA)	Opéra national de Paris

2017 COMPETITION

Giovanni Sala (tenor, Italy) Second Prize winner	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich Opernhaus Zürich Santa Fe Opera
Alexander Roslavets (bass, Belarus) Third Prize winner	Staatsoper Hamburg
Christian Valle (bass-baritone, Norway) Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship	Opernhaus Zürich
Siyabonga Maqungo (tenor, South Africa)	Staatsoper Unter den Linden
Kang Wang (tenor, Australia)	Wiener Staatsoper Gran Teatre del liceu
Galeano Salas (tenor, Mexico)	Deutsche Oper Berlin Staatsoper Unter den Linden Teatro alla Scala
Jennifer Davis (soprano, Ireland)	Deutsche Oper Berlin
Annika Schlicht (mezzo-soprano, Germany)	Royal Opera House, London Staatsoper Hamburg Théâtre des Champs-Élysées Musiktheater an der Wien
Milan Siljanov (bass-baritone, Switzerland)	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Slávka Zámečníková (soprano, Slovakia)	Opéra national de Paris Wiener Staatsoper

2015 COMPETITION

Lise Davidsen (soprano, Norway) First Prize winner	The Metropolitan Opera, New York Opernhaus Zürich
Elsa Dreisig (soprano, Denmark/France) Second Prize winner	Deutsche Oper Berlin Wiener Staatsoper Staatsoper Unter den Linden Opéra national de Paris
Florie Valiquette (soprano, France)	Théâtre des Champs-Élysées Musiktheater an der Wien

2013 COMPETITION

Kristina Mkhitaryan (soprano, Russia) First Prize winner	Dutch National Opera Wiener Staatsoper The Metropolitan Opera, New York
Mélissa Petit (soprano, France) Third Prize winner	Staatoper Unter den Linden Opernhaus Zürich Teatro alla Scala Théâtre des Champs-Élysées Musiktheater an der Wien

2009 COMPETITION

Jacquelyn Wagner (soprano, USA) Second Prize winner	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA) Finalist Prize winner	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich The Metropolitan Opera, New York Gran Teatre del liceu Teatro alla Scala Opéra national de Paris
Yngve Søberg (baritone, Norway)	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet

2007 COMPETITION

Audun Iversen (baritone, Norway) First Prize winner	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet Glyndebourne

2005 COMPETITION

Daniel Behle (tenor, Germany) First Prize winner	Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich Teatro alla Scala Wiener Staatsoper
In Sung Sim (bass, South Korea) Third Prize winner	The Metropolitan Opera, New York

2001 COMPETITION

Marita Sølberg (soprano, Norway) First Prize winner	The Norwegian Opera & Ballet

1995 COMPETITION

Tigran Martirossian (bass, Armenia) Second Prize winner	Staatsoper Hamburg

DUTCH NATIONAL OPERA, AMSTERDAM



Jasmin White (contralto, USA)
First Prize winner 2023

Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen (countertenor, USA)
Semi-finalist 2021

Kristina Mkhitaryan (soprano, Russia)
First Prize winner 2013

Audun Iversen (baritone, Norway)
First Prize winner 2007

GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU, BARCELONA



Milan Periši (baritone, Serbia)
Participant 2023

Gabriel Rollinson (baritone, Germany)
Participant 2023

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)
Participant 2019

Kang Wang (tenor, Australia)
Semi-finalist 2017

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)
Finalist Prize winner 2009

DEUTSCHE OPER, BERLIN



Sophie Salvesani (soprano, Australia)
Participant 2025

Ann-Kathrin Niemczyk (soprano, Germany)
Participant 2023

Martina Russomanno (soprano, Italy)
Participant 2021

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)
Semi-finalist 2019

Serena Sáenz (soprano, Spain)
Participant 2019

Galeano Salas (tenor, Mexico)
Semi-finalist 2017

Jennifer Davis (soprano, Ireland)
Participant 2017

Elsa Dreisig (soprano, Denmark/France)
Second Prize winner 2015

STAATSOPER UNTER DEN LINDEN, BERLIN



Sandra Laagus (mezzo-soprano, Estland)
Participant 2025

Rebecka Wallroth (mezzo-soprano, Sverige)
Finalist 2023

Friedrich Hamel (bass, Germany)
Participant 2023

Siyabonga Maqungo (tenor, South Africa)
Semi-finalist 2017

Galeano Salas (tenor, Mexico)
Semi-finalist 2017

Elsa Dreisig (soprano, Denmark/France)
Second Prize winner 2015

Mélissa Petit (soprano, France)
Third Prize winner 2013

SEMPEROPER DRESDEN



Vladyslav Buialskyi (bass-baritone, Ukraina)
Finalist 2025

Maire Therese Carmack (mezzo-soprano, USA)
Semi-finalist 2025

Natasha Gesto (soprano, Australia)
Participant 2025

Ekaterina Chayka-Rubinstein (mezzo-soprano, Germany)
Participant 2023

Danylo Matviienko (baritone, Ukraina)
Participant 2021

Aleksei Kulagin (bass, Russia)
Participant 2021

Michal Doron (mezzo-soprano, Israel)
Participant 2021

GLYNDEBOURNE



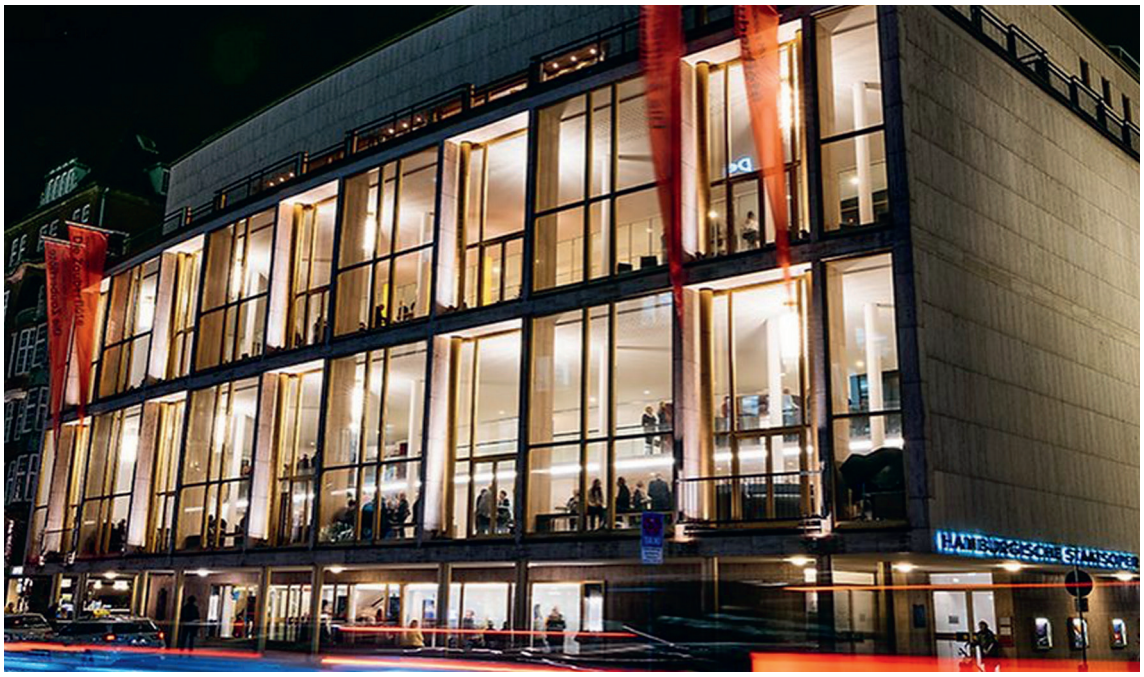
Cumhur Görgün (bass, Turkey)
Participant 2025

Hongni Wu (mezzo-soprano, China)
Participant 2021

Meigui Zhang (soprano, China)
Finalist 2019

Audun Iversen (baritone, Norway)
First Prize winner 2007

STAATSOPER HAMBURG



Liv Redpath (soprano, USA)
Liedpris 2021

Natalia Tanasii (soprano, Moldova)
Finalist 2019

Alexander Roslavets (bass, Belarus)
Third Prize winner 2017

Chao Deng (bass-baritone, China)
Participant 2019

Annika Schlicht (mezzo-soprano, Germany)
Participant 2017

Tigran Martirossian (bass, Armenia)
Second Prize winner 1995

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, LONDON



Paweł Horodyski (bass, Polen)
Third Prize winner 2025

Hannah Edmunds (soprano, Norway)
Finalist and Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship 2025

Ryan Vaughan Davies (tenor, United Kingdom)
Participant 2025

Lila Dufy (soprano, France)
Participant 2023

Ossian Huskinson (bass-baritone, United Kingdom)
Participant 2021

Katia Ledoux (mezzo-soprano, France)
Participant 2021

Emily Pogorelc (soprano, USA)
Semi-finalist 2019

Annika Schlicht (mezzo-soprano, Germany)
Participant 2017

LOS ANGELES OPERA



Kathleen O'Mara (soprano, USA)
First Prize winner 2025

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

LUZERNER THEATRE, LUCERNE



Vladyslav Tlushch (baritone, Ukraina)
Finalist 2023

Luca Bernard (tenor, Switzerland)
Participant 2023

TEATRO ALLA SCALA, MILANO



Xiaomeng Chang (baritone, China)
Participant 2021

Galeano Salas (tenor, Mexico)
Semi-finalist 2017

Mélissa Petit (soprano, France)
Third Prize winner 2013

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)
Finalist 2009

Daniel Behle (tenor, Germany)
First Prize winner 2005

BAYERISCHE STAATSOPER, MUNICH



Paweł Horodyski (bass, Polen)
Third Prize winner 2025

Eirin Rognerud (soprano, Norway)
Semi-finalist 2025

Ekaterine Buachidze
(mezzo-soprano, Georgia)
Semi-finalist 2025

Martina Myskohlid
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Participant 2025

Granit Musliu (tenor, Kosovo)
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Participant 2023

Erika Baikoff (soprano, USA)
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Second Prize winner 2017

Milan Siljanov
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Participant 2017

Jacquelyn Wagner (soprano, USA)
Second Prize winner 2009

Nadine Sierra (soprano, USA)
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First Prize winner 2005

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA, NEW YORK



Vladyslav Buialskyi
(bass-baritone, Ukraine)
Finalist 2025

Maire Therese Carmack
(mezzo-soprano, USA)
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Third Prize winner 2005

THE NORWEGIAN OPERA & BALLET, OSLO



Hedvig Haugerud (soprano, Norway)
Semi-finalist 2025

Eirin Rognerud (soprano, Norway)
Semi-finalist 2025

Markus Bjørlykke (tenor, Norway)
Participant 2025

Victoria Randem (soprano, Norway)
Participant 2023

Astrid Nordstad
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Ingrid Bjoner Scholarship 2019

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OPÉRA NATIONAL DE PARIS



Amin Ahangaran (bass, Iran)
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THÉATRE DES CHAMPS-ELYSÉES, PARIS



Navasard Hakobyan (baritone, Armenia)
Finalist 2023

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SANTA FE OPERA



Kathleen O'Mara (soprano, USA)
First Prize winner 2025

Elisa Sunshine (soprano, USA)
Participant 2023

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MUSIKTHEATER AN DER WIEN, VIENNA



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WIENER STAATSOPER, VIENNA



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