



94 CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE SELECTION STAGE OF THE 57TH INTERNATIONAL VERDIAN VOICES COMPETITION CITTÀ DI BUSSETO

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Teatro Giuseppe Verdi di Busseto

Elimination Phase from 18 to 20 June 2019

Final Saturday 22 June 2019

Winners Gala Concert Sunday 23 June 2019

94 young singers have been admitted to participate in the selection phase of the 57th International Verdian Voices Competition, Città di Busseto, announced by the Comune di Busseto and produced under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic, in honour and memory of Carlo Bergonzi. The competition is overseen by Giancarlo Contini, Mayor of Busseto, and organised by the Teatro Regio di Parma. The elimination phases and the final of the Competition will take place in Busseto from 18 to 23 June 2019.

More than 120 entry submissions were received from 19 countries including: Italy, Europe, the USA, Korea, China, Russia, Japan, Brazil, Peru, and South Africa. Chosen based on the audio-visual recordings submitted, the selected candidates (the youngest of whom is 22 years old) will perform live in front of a judging panel who will then select the finalists.

Led by General Director of Teatro Regio of Parma, Anna Maria Meo, the judging panel includes Javier Menéndez Álvarez (General Director of the Teatro de la Maestranza in Seville), Paulo Abrão Esper (General and Artistic Director of the Teatro Lírico de Equipe - Cia Ópera São Paulo and the “Maria Callas” Singing Competition), Frédéric Chambert (General Director of the Teatro Municipal of Santiago), Peter Heilker (General Director of the Theater St. Gallen), Eline de Kat (Artistic Coordinator of the Opéra de Monte-Carlo), Cristiano Sandri (Artistic Programme Manager of the Teatro Regio di Parma), Qing Xu (CEO Chengdu LeMeiSiBo Culture Communication Agency and member of the Chinese Traditional Culture Promotion Society) and, in the finals phase, Andrea Rinaldi (Lions Club “Giuseppe Verdi” of Busseto).

Competition prize winners will be announced on Saturday 22 June 2019 following the conclusion of the public Finalists Concert. This concert, programmed for 9.00pm in the Cortile di Villa Pallavicino in Busseto, will see the finalists accompanied by the Orchestra dell’Emilia-Romagna Arturo Toscanini conducted by Fabrizio Cassi. The prize winners will then assume leading roles in two Verdian recitals. The first, on Sunday 23 June 2019 at 9.00pm, will be accompanied by Maestro Claudio Cirelli, and take place close to the birthplace of the Maestro in Roncole Verdi. The second concert, organised by the Le Terre Traverse association, takes place on Saturday 29 June 2019 at 9.00pm at the Podere Castello in Cadeo (PC). For information regarding prices and ticket sale dates, please contact: biglietteria@teatroregioparma.it.



The winners of the competition will be awarded: 1st prize 'Carlo Bergonzi' of €5,000 offered by Chengdu LeMeiSiBo Culture Communication Co. (China); 2nd prize of €3,000 offered by the Lions Club Busseto 'Giuseppe Verdi'; 3rd Prize of €1,500. The best female voice will be further awarded the Emanuela di Castelbarco Special Prize of €1,000, offered by the Verdissime.com Association. The winners, finalists, and semi-finalists, may be further entrusted with the roles of: Aida, Radamès, Amonasro, Amneris, Ramfis, The King of Egypt, A messenger, and the High Priestess from the opera: *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi, to be performed during Festival Verdi 2019 at the Teatro Giuseppe Verdi di Busseto. The same performance will be repeated in the theatres of the Circuito Lirico OperaLombardia, with the director potentially entrusting some roles, at his discretion, to the Finalists and Winners of the competition.

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The image associated with the International Verdian Voices Competition is a detail of the bronze monument of Giuseppe Verdi, a work by sculptor Luigi Secchi, revealed in 1913 in the central square of Busseto entitled To the Maestro.

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18, 19 June 2019

Elimination round and announcement of semi-finalists

20 June 2019

Semi-final round and announcement of finalists

21 June 2019

Rehearsal for finalists with orchestra

Busseto, Cortile del Palazzo delle Scuderie di Villa Pallavicino

Saturday 22 June 2019, 9.00pm

FINALISTS CONCERT

AND PROCLAMATION OF WINNERS

ORCHESTRA DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA ARTURO TOSCANINI

Conductor FABRIZIO CASSI

Roncole Verdi, Birthplace di Giuseppe Verdi

Sunday 23 June 2019, 9.00pm

WINNERS GALA CONCERT

Piano CLAUDIO CIRELLI

Cadeo (PC), Podere Castello

Saturday 29 June 2019, 9.00pm

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